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A rainbow over Galloon Parish Church, Newtownbutler, offering hope and promise for the year ahead.
Photo courtesy of John McVitty, Impartial Reporter.

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Service of Consecration of Bishop of Clogher scheduled for March



The Service of Consecration of Revd Canon Dr. Ian Ellis as Bishop of Clogher (above), has now been postponed until March. The service was due to have taken place in late February but following the announcement by the Northern Ireland Executive of an extension to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions which include church closures until 5th March, the service has been postponed until Thursday, 25th March in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Even if restrictions are lifted to allow for in-church services to resume, it is likely the numbers allowed to attend will be restricted.

The service, however, should be available for viewing online. Canon Ellis has indicated that he and his wife, Heather value the continued prayers of the people of Clogher Diocese as they prepare their next steps.



Letter from the Archbishop's Commissary, Archdeacon Brian Harper

Two of the greatest challenges facing any church at the present time is that of keeping the church community together and maintaining the presence of the church community in the wider community.

In the old days (12 months ago) we held the church together through common worship, through bible study groups, through the Mothers' Union and Bowling Clubs and Sunday Schools. The rector would be ever-present and visible through pastoral visits and conversations. The presence of the church in the community would have been highlighted by flower festivals, youth clubs, missions, fund-raising events and, sadly, funerals.

For the past year, much of this has been impossible. Thankfully, technology has come to our aid. Whilst some churches were able to quickly adapt, others, like my own, have been a little slower with the thought that this situation won't actually last too long. Some of the "new" ministry has been relatively simple. We all know how to phone people! However, learning how to make a simple video and then upload it has been more difficult, especially if the internet in your area is poor. Group emails and WhatsApp groups have also been useful for communication but they only work well if parishioners let you know their email and mobile number! There are some sterling examples around the parishes where teams of volunteers have been able to prepare Sunday School packs and activities and where dinners have been delivered to seniors, often supported by individuals who are able to complete grant applications. Kindness has been vital in the work that has been done.

There is a fear that people won't return to church when this is all over. I don't accept this. I am finding that parishioners still want to belong and to be part of the church and the family of God. Rather than people losing the habit of common worship, others have discovered that they can participate and be included. They have been able to participate unnoticed without feeling judged, without the awkwardness of standing or sitting at the wrong time, and without the difficulty that we all feel when we turn up



somewhere for the first time.

When we eventually leave this "new normality", we need to be sure that we progress with the lessons that we have been learning rather than return to the old way of doing things.

We need to continue being kind, continue to create a space where everyone can feel comfortable and continue to serve our communities in a way that truly reflects the presence of Christ.

PARISH NOTES

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Clogh Church in a winter scene.

During the time when we were unable to meet together for worship in our church buildings, we were very grateful to Captain David for producing our weekly Facebook services. A lot of time and effort goes into these services and we would like to sincerely thank him for them.

Vestry members

Once again this is the time when the List of Registered Vestry Persons for each Parish is due to be revised. Anyone wishing to have their name added to the register please contact either Captain David or one of the three secretaries by 7th February 2021.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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The above timings are provisional to normal worship in church being resumed. From the beginning of the lockdown in March, recordings of all our services have been available each week by phone, Facebook and the parish website and are still available at these addresses:

Phone-in service number: 028 8927 0927
www.facebook.com/colebrooke
www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, our parish organisations will not be meeting. When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets on Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls aged three years and upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun..

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts meet on Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.
Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

Mothers' Union

The Branch Leader applied for funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council under a Covid-19 Recovery Grant, to undertake a project which would bring support and encouragement to families in the parishes. A grant of £500 was awarded in mid-December. A busy week of shopping resulted in 'Celebration Bags' for 37 families who had children 16 years of age and under. Each bag contained a tin of sweets from Co-op, a box of easy peel Clementine oranges from Spar, books, pens and colouring pencils from Val Irvine's Oasis Bookshop appropriate for each child in the family, a packet of anti-bacterial surface wipes from McKeever's Chemists, a Mothers' Union Christmas card signed by all branch members and the new Mothers' Union leaflet. These goodies were presented in a beautiful Christmas bag purchased from Poundstretchers.

SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Sunday 14

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Sunday 21

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Sunday 28

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer



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As MU members distributed the bags to each household, the reaction on the doorsteps was surprise, amazement at being thought about and delight with the contents e.g. my son loves those oranges. Letters, cards, phone calls and texts of thanks

have also been received since. Mothers' Union members were again fulfilling their aim of 'Christian Care for Families.' They acknowledge sincere thanks to FODC for the grant which enabled them to provide the contents of the bags.

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All change again!!

When the notes were prepared for the December/January issue of the magazine, we had hoped to enjoy Christmas in church, followed by settling into the routine of services throughout the start of the new year. Instead, we've been in and out of the church building and parish hall – and finally been advised to remain closed until the start of February! Making plans is becoming more and more like sticking your finger in the air to see where the wind is coming from, to try to predict the weather. Hopefully, you'll get this magazine in church – but who knows? We cannot predict the next week, let alone next month!!

Our parish has been amid one of the worst attacks of the C-19 pandemic in the country, and it was inevitable that we would see a death attributed to Covid-19, albeit that there was a pre-existing condition. We saw



several deaths throughout December 2020 – and none were any easier or harder to bear. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those who have been affected in any way. Paraphrasing a famous film, we should be saying "The first rule about 2021 is that we won't talk about 2020!", however each year brings its own difficulties and challenges; and 2020 brought some unique ones (isolation/lockdown, face masks, hand cleaning, queuing for shops, social distancing), but this next year may still prove to be difficult. We shouldn't expect any return to "normal" for a few months yet, and that may also affect our church service routine. I doubt we can accurately predict

February's services, let alone how Lent and Easter will turn out!

Advent and Christmas

In spite of everything, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to everyone for your support throughout our Advent services. The children's colouring pages were brilliant, and they were so good we used them in our slides during the remainder of the Christmas period. We were able to gather to sing our Carols, and the congregation readings from the pews added a fresh dimension to the service. We juggled our Christmas services, and the turnout was better than I expected. I'd also like to pay particular thanks to Katie

for bringing some of her presents to the Christmas Day service, and being part of the “address” that morning!

Congratulations

Aghavea Parish Church would like to congratulate the Revd Canon Dr Ian Ellis on his election as the Bishop of Clogher, and look forward to working with him to build God’s kingdom. We assure both Bishop-elect, his wife and family of our prayers during their preparation for the new role, and to continue to do so in their new position in the diocese.

At this time, we would also like to thank and congratulate our Bishop’s Commissary, Archdeacon Brian Harper, on his steadying hand upon the diocese during the episcopal vacancy, especially under such strange circumstances.

Condolences

Our prayers and condolences are extended to those families who will be missing their own loved ones in this period. We pray that the peace of God will be given at this difficult period. Unfortunately, we said our final goodbyes to Georgina Parson, Stewartie Foster and William Rutledge during December, all of whom had been faithful parishioners in Aghavea during their lives. Regardless of their individual circumstances, their deaths touched us in the same way, and we will continue to uphold the Parson, Foster and Rutledge families in the coming days and weeks.

We also extend our sincere condolences to the McCoy family, as our beloved church warden suffered the loss of his father and brother within days of each other.

We would also like to extend our sympathies to the family of George Parkinson, who died during November 2020. Mr Parkinson had been the Rector’s Churchwarden, Parochial

Nominator and Select Vestry member during his time in Aghavea before his move to Maguiresbridge.

Church Societies

Our Mothers’ Union, Sunday School, Bible Fellowship and Bowls Club are still unable to meet up, and there are no plans in place to do so in the immediate future. This has been a frustrating year for all church societies, and we look forward to being able to meet again soon. Until it is deemed safe and acceptable, our hands are tied, and we wish all our members safety and God’s blessings.

Upcoming Church Services

Normally we would be thinking about the routine of services through the end of Epiphany and into Lent – and although the dates below may be correct, we have no idea where they will be – whether we will be allowed to meet physically or continue to meet virtually online. We will let you know as soon as we can, but 7th February will be the earliest that we can do so.

Sunday 31st January

11am, online only, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday 2nd February

11.30am, online only, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Holy Communion)

Sunday 7th February

11am, online (In Church?), Second Sunday before Lent (Holy Communion)

Sunday 14th February

11am, online (In Church?), Sunday before Lent (Morning Prayer)

Wednesday 17th February

8pm, online (In Church?), Ash Wednesday Penitential Service

Sunday 21st February

11am, online (In Church?), First Sunday of Lent (Morning Prayer)

Wednesday 24th February

8pm, online (In Church?), Lent Worship Bible Study

Sunday 28th February

11am, online (In Church?), Second Sunday of Lent (Morning Prayer)

Wednesday 3rd March

8pm, online (In Church?), Lent Worship Bible Study

Throughout Lent, our Bible Studies will be based upon the Five Practices that are essential to Christian life, focusing each week upon Worship and Prayer; Study; Serve; Give; Share. Notes will be available for each week, both at the service and afterwards via our parish website.

All our video streams will be on the Rector’s Facebook profile (<https://facebook.com/johnny.mcloughlin>), and linked from our parish website (www.aghavea.blogspot.com). If you don’t have a Facebook profile and cannot access the live service, the service can be streamed afterwards from our parish website on a phone, tablet or computer. If you have any difficulties, please let the rector know.

And finally

Keep safe, keep washing your hands, keep socially distanced, keep well! Even if the government lift our restrictions at the start of the month, please only come out if you are well, and consider it safe to do so. We will take all necessary precautions, which may mean opening or closing our building as required.



Nativity posters created by some of the children in the parish.



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Services via “Zoom”

As we still can't gather to worship in our churches at present, parishioners are invited to join together via “Zoom” for a short service at 11.15 a.m. each Sunday. The service will be followed by a coffee meeting where everyone will have an opportunity to chat to one another. The links to join the aforementioned will be sent out by email.

For those unfamiliar with “Zoom”, it's an online platform for people to hold meetings and, in our case, worship virtually. You can access it from many devices such as smartphones, iPads, laptops or desktop computers – see <https://zoom.us/>

Thank you

This past Christmas was very different for lots of us due to Covid-19 restrictions as we were unable to gather with many of our family and friends. In addition, the restrictions meant that we had to limit the numbers at our church services.

Thanks to everyone for their co-operation during these challenging and difficult times. Furthermore, thanks to the churchwardens and all who helped to decorate our churches for Christmas and ensure that they were as safe as possible.

“Team Hope” shoebox appeal 2020

Many thanks to all those who donated to “Team Hope’s” 2020 appeal. Last month, 42,324 Christmas shoeboxes were distributed in places such as Rwanda, Kenya, Kosovo, Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Burkina Faso, Swaziland, Burundi and Ukraine.



A delighted recipient of a shoebox.

wife Linda, his daughter Joan, sons Gary and David, son-in-law Gerry, daughter-in-law Anna-Marie, grandchildren Ella, Aaron, Abraham, Elijah, Joshua, Isaiah, Adam and Levi, and the entire family circle, and pray that the Lord will comfort them in their grief. May John, and all those who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the passing of John (J.H.) Dixon on 8th December. His funeral service took place in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Thursday 10th December. We extend our sympathy to John's beloved

Santa at St. Maeldoid's

The children of St. Maeldoid's Sunday School, Castleblaney, usually have a party each year shortly before Christmas. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, this was not possible this year, but Santa still paid a visit! The children were able



Christmas decorations.





Families meet Santa at St. Maeldoid's.

to meet him in a socially distanced setting outside the church on Saturday 19th December. He gave each of them a selection box and promised to visit their homes on Christmas Eve to bring them what they had requested in their letters!

Sunday School

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 situation, we have been unable to resume Sunday School. In order to provide for the faith development of the young people in our parishes over the past number of months, the Sunday School teachers in each parish prepared activities which the children were able to do at home. We thank all of them for their help and support.

Email

If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those from our group of parishes who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months. Please also remember all those who have been diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus, those in our community who are fearful or isolated, all frontline staff, those who have become unemployed as a result of the current crisis and all who have been affected in any way.

Sunday School work completed at home.



Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Services

At the time of going to print we have still no certainty as to whether or not we will be able to return to in-church worship in February. If the numbers remain high, we will make a decision for each church even if a return is permitted by the government.

If we are back into the church buildings our services times will be:

- St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross - every Sunday at 10.30am plus Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 11am
- St Molua's, Magheraclone – every Sunday at 12noon
- St Patrick's Ardragh – 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1.15pm

If the church buildings remain closed worship will be on our Facebook page (Carrickmacross Group Church of Ireland) on Sunday's at 11am and on Wednesday's at 8pm.

Please check our Facebook page for up-to-date information. Parishioners will also be notified of all changes via text message.

Sunday School Nativity

With a lot of disruption to our normal Christmas celebrations and our Sunday School not having met in person since early March it seemed that it would not be possible to enjoy our annual Sunday School Nativity. However, where there is a will there is a way and thanks to the wonders of technology the children were able to produce a brilliant and uplifting nativity play. Each family came to the church separately to film their part in the Nativity before it was all put together. Thankfully we were able to be in church to watch it on the screen while it was also shared on our Facebook Page.



Sunday School Nativity.

As always, the children were magnificent and brought us the Christmas message in a really special and unique way. Thank you to our parents and teachers who brought the children along and found them costumes. Some of our parents even managed to land a role!

Sunday School at home will continue until it is safe to meet together again. If anyone else would like the resource emailed out to them please let Revd Colin know.

Shoe Boxes For The Homeless – Annual Christmas Appeal

We had a tremendous response to our Annual Christmas Appeal which this year supported the work of a local charity 'Help Our Homeless.' We were able to donate over 50 shoe boxes to the appeal which were then handed out to homeless people in Dublin as a Christmas gift.

A massive thank you to all who contributed to the shoebox appeal.



Readers for the Community Carol Service.

Community Carol Service

Like many other things in 2020 our annual Community Carol Service which was due to take place in St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church could not go ahead as normal. Not to be deterred rather than the community coming to the Carol Service, the Service went out to the community with readings being recorded in local shops and businesses with even a local postman getting involved. We were also able to call upon some of our wonderful local musical talent to provide carols both sung and instrumental.

The aim of the service was to say thank you to our local businesses who had a very difficult year with many having to close for long periods and others keeping vital services going in the frontline. With that thank you we also wanted to bring across a message of hope that can be found even in the darkest of times through the Christmas message. Monsignor Shane McCaughey brought us a message of hope found in Christ while Revd Colin led prayers and introduced the service. There was also a message of encouragement from Councillor Colm Carthy, Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council.

A massive thank you to all the shopkeepers and business people who gave of their time to take part as well as our musicians. Thank you also to Pat Byrne who helped with some of the videography. The Carol Service reached many more people than we would



Musicians for the Community Carol Service.

have on a 'normal' year and helped bring hope into our community at Christmas.

Carrickmacross Foodbank Collections

Our collection of non-perishable food items for Carrickmacross Foodbank will continue even when the church buildings are closed. Items can be dropped into the Rectory at any time with the food items brought to the store room usually after the third Sunday of

each month.

Given the ongoing pandemic and with many people finding themselves out of work the Foodbank is making a huge difference to the lives of individuals and families in our local community who are currently facing hard times. The Foodbank often goes beyond helping people out with food through assisting with essential heating issues and other needs so all donations are greatly appreciated.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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At the time of writing these notes, Northern Ireland is experiencing a third lockdown and our in-church gatherings have ceased until Saturday 6th February 2021. We are mindful of those known to us who are currently in hospital affected by this pandemic or

with non-Covid ailments. With prayer and the power of God's healing we trust that all will have full recovery. We pray for all doctors and nurses, all medical and auxiliary staff in our hospitals and the personnel of Northern Ireland Ambulance Service who are currently experiencing many pressures of increasing numbers of patients requiring medical attention due to Covid-19.

Vestry Room

The Select Vestry of Cleenish have taken the opportunity of refurbishing the Vestry room now that in-church gatherings have ceased. A decision was made some time back to make repairs and refurbish the room. The work has commenced and more details will be given in the next edition of the Clogher Diocesan magazine.

The Rector writes.....

As I write to you a number of things have changed and are also continuing to change. We are all indebted to Mr. George Thornton who for many years looked after our Parish Notes for the Clogher Diocesan Magazine. After such valued service of approximately

The Christmas tree lit up by Ossie and June Clements in Bellanaleck.



20 years George has decided to retire and I should like to take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging the huge debt of gratitude that we all owe to George for his dedication. I know that George will still be keeping a keen interest in the local community as he is Chairman of the Bellanaleck Community Group. In the interim, Mrs. Rosemary Forde, my Rector's



Some of the work carried out at the new car park at Mullaghduin Parish Church.



Churchwarden from Cleenish Parish, has very kindly agreed to take over the notes on a temporary capacity. In our present climate of fear and insecurity it is encouraging for me to see people who are looking out for one another with acts of love and kindness and in so doing bring glory to God.

One of our recent Collects reminds us of our need to tap into the heart of God and His Grace.

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Grace is evident in His Creation and this is His gift to help us through this difficult period. His Grace is the visible evidence of His everlasting Love. Even when it appears that sorrow and grief threaten our joy God offers His Grace to us so that we can experience the hope of His Promise.
Revd. Canon G P Bridle

Church Services - Christmas

A "Shortened Service of Lessons and Carols" was held on Sunday morning 20th December in both Cleenish and Mullaghduin

churches with Canon Bridle and Miss Rowena Sheridan, Parish Reader, sharing the reading of four lessons and delivering a most interesting and appropriate comment on each Lesson. The congregation joined in singing "The First Nowell", "Away in a Manger", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

Christmas Decorations in Cleenish Church

Holy Communion was celebrated on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm in Mullaghduin and again on Christmas morning in Mullaghduin at 9.30am and in Cleenish at 11.00 am. The Rector set himself a challenge in delivering a Christmas card to all homes in both parishes. The cards depicted a photograph of each Church and were personally delivered with social distancing observed. The parishioners were very appreciative of this gesture at Christmas time.

Sunday School and Creche

Prior to Christmas, the Rector had great fun delivering gifts of books and confectionery to the children of Cleenish Sunday School and Mullaghduin Creche. Who would have thought that "M & M's" could remind us of the Birth of Jesus!

M & M Christmas Poem

As you hold these sweets
In your hand,
And turn them, you will see...
The M becomes a W, and E, and then a 3.
They tell the Christmas Story,
It's one I'm sure you know.
It took place in a stable,
A long, long time ago.
The E is for the East,
Where the Star shone so bright.
The M is for the Manger,
Where baby Jesus slept that night.
The 3 is for the Wisemen,
Bearing gifts when they came.
The W is for Worship, hallelujah, praise His Name.
So as you eat these sweets,
Or share them with your friends,
Remember the meaning of Christmas.
It's a love story that never ends.
Unknown

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

The Branch Leader, Mrs Lettie Coulter, made contact with all members extending her Christmas Greetings.

Mullaghduin Car Park

Since the last report, the lamp standards have been installed for car park lighting and the hedge planting has been completed. Congratulations are extended to all involved with this major project for Mullaghduin Church.

Bellanaleck Community Group

The Community Group have as expected been unable to meet during the Christmas period, and disappointment for our children as there was no Christmas Party which was due to be held on the first Saturday afternoon in December. Sincere thanks to Ossie and June Clements for decorating their Christmas tree again this



Flowers
Cleenish
Harvest



year with many coloured lights. It is sited in a prominent location in the village beside the Parish Hall, and really showed off the Christmas atmosphere. It is already evident in the Community that extensive works have commenced at Bellanaleck Quay to the construction of:- Widening of existing slipway, construction of new quay wall, which will incorporate a fixed mooring and a new 16-berth floating mooring connected to the quay. This extensive work is undertaken by Waterways Ireland, which continues to invest in increased access to Lough Erne for Recreational and Tourism activity. Should any parishioner in Cleenish require assistance within the public domain in the Village area, contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 02866 349602, or Sharon Elliott 077325 21533.



Work being carried out at the quay at Bellanaleck.

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From the Rector's Desk

The extra couple of minutes of daylight which are modestly appearing at the end of our day are a very welcome sight in 2021. They bring with them a hope that as each day progresses that what are a few minutes now soon gather to be of greater significance over the days and weeks to come, we all love to see the longer brighter days.

The very familiar verses of Lamentations chapter 3 have these words;

¹⁹ *I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.*

²⁰ *I will remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.* ²¹ *Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:* ²² *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.* ²³ *They are*



Mrs Olive Williamson packing some of the toiletry bags

new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ *I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'*

Every morning folks is a blessing, and every morning if we look to Jesus we start the day afresh, leaving behind the trials of yesterday. If we ask, our mighty God will equip us anew with what we need for each day, as the little saying goes, 'each day is a gift, that's why it is called the present.' God bless you and keep you. Revd. Olie

In-Church Services / Lent services

At time of writing our church buildings are closed until at least 6th February.

Please check the parish Facebook page for updates, in the absence of in-church services online services will continue.

Knit, Stitch & Natter

Our wonderful ladies from Knit, Stitch & Natter have been working very hard. The ladies had knit lots of Christmas decorations and little bits and pieces and were kindly granted a place to sell their goods during 'Ladies Night' at Corick House Hotel. With the money they raised they bought toiletries and have used their 'lockdown' time to knit bags to hold the toiletries. As a result, just before Christmas they were able to hand over 40 filled toiletry bags and a £100 cheque to Omagh Women's Aid and a



The children's comfort bags.

Each bag had a little label saying who it was from and on the back 'Remember Jesus loves you.'



further 20 filled toiletry bags and a cheque of £100 to Enniskillen Women's Aid. Upon hearing of the children who accompany their mothers at times of crisis to Omagh Women's Aid refuge, the ladies once again responded by putting their knitting needles into action by knitting this time 20 children's bags and filling them with sweets, colouring books and pens and a toy, something simply of comfort to hand a

child who arrives at the refuge. Tanya from Omagh Women's Aid wrote this in response to the ladies work; "Your donation has helped to make Christmas more comfortable for our clients at what can be a difficult time, the women were delighted with their toiletry bags and many commented on the beautiful handiwork. Each of the children entering the refuge received a comfort bag. These

bags help to make the daunting first night in new surroundings much easier. Thank you most sincerely."

This was a tremendous achievement for our little group and already these gifts are being distributed to vulnerable people. Well done ladies. In 2019/2020 in Northern Ireland 561 women and 316 children stayed in a Women's Aid refuge, 276 women could not access a refuge as they were full. During this period also 5536 women and 5143 children accessed outreach support from Women's Aid thus allowing them to remain in their own homes. Pandemic figures have not yet been released. Please remember this work and the staff in your prayers. New members to our Knit, Stitch & Natter are always welcome, please speak with the Rector or Mrs Hilary Keys.



Some members of the Cathedral Knit, Stitch & Natter Group with Omagh Women's Aid.



Some members of the Cathedral Knit, Stitch & Natter Group with Enniskillen Women's Aid.

Prayer Requests

Our prayer team are faithfully continuing to pray and intercede for all who have requested prayer. When we return to in-church worship please feel free to drop your request into the box. However, in the meantime if you have a request please don't hesitate to give the rector a call and she will forward this to the team. This may be a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may be battling with something you haven't told another person, you may be struggling with family issues, relationship issues or perhaps loneliness. All we need is a first name, however, if you would prefer you may use a middle name, that is ok, the important thing is that God knows who you are. All requests are dealt with sensitively and confidentially and your request will remain on our list for four weeks.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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In December we celebrated our services in church as planned, up to and including our Christmas Day Family Service in Clones. It was lovely to be able to gather together again as a church family, to hear our favourite Christmas Carols (albeit recorded, rather than accompanied by our own singing) – and, of course, it was simply uplifting to reconnect physically again as we celebrated Christmas with real joy. It was especially nice to see our children back in church during December – as one of our Clones Sunday School teachers said after we gave our youngsters a small present and some Advent workbooks to go through with their parents at home: “It was so great to

see the children out at church today. They are the sparkle that warms and lights up the church.”

Another special Advent highlight took place in Currin Parish, where Audrey Doogan, her niece Gemma, and the Jordan family arranged a food collection for the Hope food bank in Monaghan town ... which was well supported, and for which our thanks go to the organisers for this timely reminder of our Christian calling to support those in need. Since Christmas Day, however, we have been back in a lockdown scenario – which means that there have been no ‘live’ services in any of our Group churches. We don’t know at the moment what will happen in February, but if services are allowed they will take place as follows:

7 February

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

14 February

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

21 February

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

28 February

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer

7 March

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

If services do not resume in church next month, then we will continue with our Group

WhatsApp forum, where we share thoughts and prayers – and where the Rector publishes a preparatory sermon each Saturday to prepare us for whichever ‘virtual’ service we choose to attend on Sunday. Any parishioners who are not currently members of this WhatsApp forum are welcome to join – please just contact the Rector on 0892239646, and he will explain what to do.

Congratulations

Our belated congratulations go to Sandra and Daryl Moore on the recent birth of their baby, Robert. Happy news, and we continue to pray for the whole family as they welcome their new arrival. We also pray for our Rector’s son and wife (Dominic and Sara) in Manchester as they celebrate the birth of their second child (Rector’s second grandson), Raphael ... another little boy to join his big brother, Gabriel.

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to all who mourn for Maggie Crawford, who died in January at the age of 96 within 10 months of the death of her husband, George. Maggie was ‘a bright little robin’, as one friend put it, a stalwart and treasured member of Killeevan Church as well as a long-serving member of the Mothers’ Union. She will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

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Services

FEBRUARY

7th Holy Communion 11.30am
14th Family service 11.30am
17th Ash Wednesday 8.00pm
21st Family service 11.30am
28th Morning Prayer 11.30 am

MARCH

7th Holy Communion 11.30am
14th Family service 11.30am
21st Morning Prayer 11.30am
28th Palm Sunday/Family service 11.30am

Please note, although services are as listed going to print, they are subject to change as guidance around COVID-19 is changed and updated. Any changes to services times and dates will be notified on the notices and parish Facebook page.

Sunday School and Confirmation teaching will continue at services until restrictions are lifted, and through the distribution of bible lessons and confirmation notes. Our thanks to parents for their assistance with this

initiative, and for encouraging the children and young people in their faith.

Christian Burial

- 15th December 2020
William John (Jack) Thompson, Largy, Lack
- 28th December 2020
Alice Florence (Flossie) Durand, Kesh
- 30th December 2020
Sarah Beattie, Slieve-Na-Mon, formerly Stranahone, Lack

As we move forward throughout this new year, many will be hoping for something different than the last. Some people may look to many of the self-help books for guidance, when there is one book, the bible that offers us much more, assurance and hope. As you read through its pages, you will discover God’s unending love and compassion, you may even find yourself among the Psalms, crying out when overwhelmed, praising God for His faithfulness in the midst of all life’s



Festive bags given out at Christmas.



experiences. Let the word of God be your guide in life, practiced in word and deed.

Christmas

Sadly, restrictions limited the coming together in ways that we would have in the past, but it has not diminished the opportunity to worship and praise God. The Carol Service had some changes to the format, but it was a wonderful evening were some of our more mature in our parish read the lessons remotely, while the service was held In-Church.

Festive Treats

Given the year that we found ourselves in, the Select Vestry handed out Festive Treat bags to all parishioners registered with the parish in line with GDPR and the local community and staff of the local Primary School and those locally involved in missional outreach. The additional funding

received from Tievenamenta SSE Windfarm community grant, enabled this gifting to be extended to include those residents within the metropolitan city of Lack. A special Christmas Card was designed for distribution to each family. The Sunday school children and young people sent Christmas greetings to those who are housebound and through the generosity of the children, some extra other people received as well. We want to thank the Select Vestry, the children and those who packed and delivered the treat bags.

Young@Heart

Members received an afternoon tea in a box to be enjoyed in the safety of their own homes, together with a festive bag as an alternative to the Christmas get-together that is held normally every year. We want to thank those who were involved with this initiative and who delivered the same and

appreciate the generosity of Fermanagh and Omagh Council and South West Aged Partnership for making gesture possible.

New Year's Eve

This year due to the restrictions the New Year's Eve service was posted online as an alternative to the festivities that we normally enjoy each year.

Parish Accounts

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the freewill offering for 2020. Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated, as we seek to fulfil our mission at home and wherever we are led by God.



Sunday School greetings.



Christmas cards.



Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Worship

At the time of writing these notes the offering of public worship is temporarily suspended and there is instead a weekly online recorded act of worship and some other devotional material. By the time the magazine is published the situation will have been reviewed by the Stormont Executive and the Bishops of the Church.

BB enrolment and Queen's Badge - Joshua Hunter and Daniel Hughes

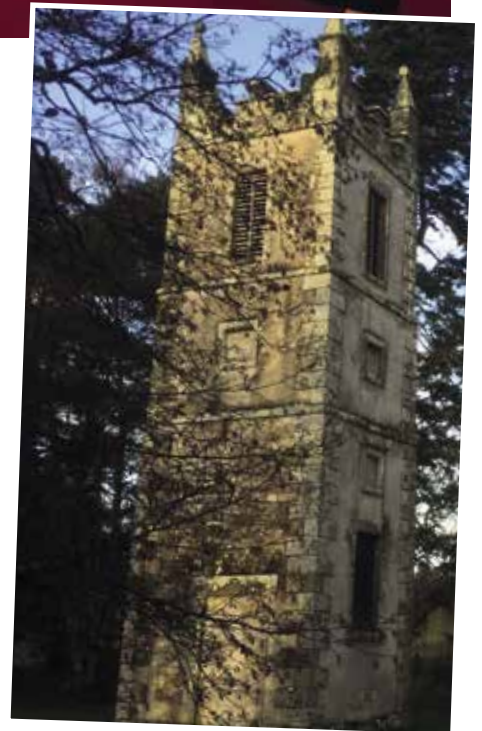
The annual Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service would have been held in St Tighernach's Church, Derryvullen North on Sunday 15th November. We have a wonderful Company of over 50 boys and an excellent group of dedicated leaders. We were able to hold a token enrolment – with two of the Company Section, Daniel Hughes and Joshua Hunter, along



At the presentation of BB Queen's Award.

with two of the leaders, Lorna and Joe Graham. Daniel and Joshua had also achieved their Queen's Award and they were presented with these during the Service by their respective mothers. In the photograph you will see them along with Company Captain Joe Graham and Rector Canon Paul. In the background you will be able to see on the altar the lovely floral depiction of the BB Anchor Crest. The BB Queen's award takes two years of commitment and includes voluntary work in the community. Well done to Daniel and Joshua! The Award consists of a very fine badge and also a certificate bearing the signature of HM the Queen. While we could not observe this day as we usually would have it was important to remember and celebrate the great work of the Company - boys, leaders and parents. Thank you everyone.

There was also a BB theme to the online



Old Castle Archdale.



Castle Archdale Church under floodlights.



Derryvullen North Church under floodlights.



Alastair McFarland, speaker at one of the services.

Service and we thank the following members for the recordings they have made for this service - Christopher Hunter (Bible reading), Charlie Cobane (prayer for discipleship) and Sam McKenzie (BB prayer). We also thank Gwenan Lyttle (instrumental music), Florence Barrett (BB hymn), Rachel Giles and David McDowell (hymn 'Jesus bids us shine') and Billy McBride (final hymn, a choral flourish). Thank you also to Carol Clarke for her work on the recordings of the hymns.

Mission Sunday with Alastair McFarland

On Sunday 22nd November our parishes observed Diocesan Mission Sunday on the Feast of the Kingship of Christ. The guest speaker at each Service was Alastair McFarland who is the full-time worker with the Scripture Union E3 Schools' Project. He explained the work of the project and then gave an address based on Jesus' parable of the Shepherd and the Lost Sheep. The E3 Schools Project is a ministry of Scripture Union Northern Ireland. It seeks to engage, equip and empower school pupils, Christian teachers and pupils and the local church locally across Northern Ireland. There are three aims to the work of this ministry;

1. ENGAGING schools pupils with the opportunities and resources that may lead them to encountering Jesus through His word, praying that they can make an informed decision about Jesus and His truth.
2. EQUIPPING Christian teachers and pupils by giving them support and encouragement to facilitate growth in



A presentation to Dr. Margaret Knox.

Christian maturity and to encourage them to be salt and light in their schools.
3. EMPOWERING churches to actively pray, support and get involved in Schools' Ministry.

Alastair kindly agreed to have his Talks audio recorded and these are available on the Rector's Facebook Page @dvnandca

Christmas Fair

It was of course not possible to hold the Derryvullen North Christmas Fair this year due to the restrictions and instead some aspects of this went online. Over the past year our industrious craft workers and knitters had been busy – Laura McDowell, Edna Ferguson, Noreen Spratt, Doris Spratt and David McDowell. There was



A knitted toy for the Christmas Fair held online.

also a kind donation from Hilda Watson of cushions she had made. These were advertised on Facebook and collection was kindly facilitated by Russell and Karen of Coalter's Home & Hardware, Irvinestown. The Christmas Wreath-Making Team also got busy, with orders being taken by Violet Duncan – this work was also advertised on Facebook and in Church. Then there was the lovely knitted doll, made by Laura McDowell, which was raffled and kindly placed in Klass Designs, Irvinestown by Lorraine Humes, with word again being spread on Facebook and in Church.

Presentation

At the Carol Service in Derryvullen North on Sunday 20th December there was a presentation made by Peoples' Churchwarden, Mrs Violet Hughes, on behalf of the Select Vestry to Parish Reader Dr Margaret Knox. This was to thank her for all she does for the parish both assisting the Rector in public worship and in the many other roles she carries out. This of course was carried out taking into account the needs of social distancing and appropriate sanitising.

Christmas

While things were very different this year, we still celebrated the Good News of the birth of the Saviour. In each of our parishes there were: carol services (in church and online) and also on Christmas Eve Night and Christmas Morning (again in church and online). We are grateful to those who cleaned the churches to make sure everything was safe, to the decorators, singers and musicians.



Christmas decorations in Castle Archdale.



Christmas decorations in Derryvullen North.

Mothers' Union

A message from Dr Margaret;
 "Unfortunately as we enter a new year we are still in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic. Sadly in December we lost one of our Indoor Members, Mrs Mary Elliott. She was a member of MU for 38 years; she was a loyal and supportive member with a great love for her family and her Church. No-one has any idea when our organisations will be able to start again but we must never lose hope. Please set aside a time for prayer each day especially for all NHS Staff and all in the caring professions; also remembering our Parishes and our Rector and his family. Let us remind ourselves of words attributed to St Francis of Assisi; "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle. May we all be like a light in the darkness."

From the registers

Holy Baptism

- Finn Richard Martin, Derryvullen North, 25th November 2020
- Pippa Frances Knox, Derryvullen North, 27th December 2020

Father, we thank you that these children have now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own children by adoption, and members of your Church. Grant that they may grow in the faith in which they have been baptised; Grant that they may confess it when they come to be confirmed; Grant that they may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From the Book of Common Prayer)

Christian Burial

- Thomas Robert (Robbie) Johnston, Derryvullen North, 30th November 2020
- Mary Jane Elliott, Derryvullen North, 21st December 2020
- William (Billy) Sweeney, Derryvullen North, 6th January 2020
- Kathleen Davis, Castle Archdale, 14th January 2020

O God, the maker and redeemer of all: We pray for the coming of your kingdom, that in the last day, when you bring together all things in Christ, we, with all who have died in him, may enjoy the fulfilment of your promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From the Book of Common Prayer)

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

During the vacancy **Revd John Woods** is in charge.

Service and pastoral cover will be provided by **Mr Roy Crowe DPA** and **Dean Raymond Ferguson**.



The baptismal service for a new member of the O'Shea family in Garvary Parish Church.



Sunday School children with their Sunday School packs sent to them in Garvary Parish.



Services

Sunday, 7th February

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday, 14th February

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday, 21st February

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

Sunday, 28th February

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Carol Service

Dean Raymond Ferguson conducted our Carol Service on Sunday, 20th December.

Holy Baptism

20th December 2020 – Isla Grace O’Shea, daughter of Stephanie and Eoin O’Shea.

Prayers

In your prayers, please remember those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, at home or receiving treatment.

Devenish & Boho



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February Services

Sunday 7th

10.00 am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 14th

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 21st

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 28th

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

All Services are subject to Covid 19 restrictions at the time of the service.

Burial

Saturday 5th December 2020 - Herbert Johnston, 16 Upper Drumcose Road, Roosky Enniskillen. The funeral service conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka was held in Ballycassidy Funeral Home. Burial was in Devenish Parish Graveyard.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Herbie’s partner Anne, his sons Ian and Andrew, daughters Linda, Diane and Claire and the wider family circle.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Revd Sampson and Ugonna Ajuka and family on the sudden death of Ugonna’s father in Nigeria.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 17th February 2021 and there will be a service in Devenish Parish Church at 8.00pm. During Lent, midweek services will alternate between Devenish and Boho churches.

Christmas Services

Holy Communion Services were held on

Christmas Eve in the Reade Hall and on Christmas Day in both Devenish and Boho churches. Thank you to Rejoice, Love and Chiemela for playing the hymns. Thank you to all who decorated the churches and the Christmas tree.

Firewood for Sale

A quantity of firewood is for sale with all monies being donated to Devenish Parish Church. Please telephone David Scott 02866341293 or 07765460370.

Flower Rota

The Select Vestry wish to thank everyone that put their name on the Flower Rota for providing flowers in the church.

Congratulations

Congratulations are sent to Revd Sampson Ajuka on successfully competing his Masters of Research Degree (Queens University Belfast).



The Christmas tree in Devenish Parish Church.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 7th February, The second Sunday before Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 14th February, The Sunday before Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 21st February, The first Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 28th February, The Second Sunday in Lent.

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.
Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer.

Food Parcels

Barr and Donacavey collected non-perishable food, children's clothes and basic sanitary items over the weeks leading up to Christmas. These have been distributed to those in need. There are many who are really suffering in our communities and this is a wonderful opportunity to show our concern in a tangible way. Sadly, for many it is not just a seasonal problem but a continuous burden throughout the year. "When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the king will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me." Matthew 29:38-40. Thanks to those who delivered the items to the food bank in Omagh. Items are still coming in and these will be passed on as soon as possible. Thank you for the very generous donations.

Mother Union Parcels

Money from the local council was obtained and food parcels were delivered to many parishioners as a little reminder they were still being remembered in these strange



Offerings for the Food Bank at Christmas.



Revd John Woods receiving one of the Mothers' Union Food Parcels which were distributed.



Maureen with her food parcel from the Mothers' Union.

times. The Mothers' Union has always striven to connect mothers and give them a sense of belonging and identity. With Covid-19 restrictions this coming together has been put on hold, at least physically.

Baptism

Jaxon Kenneth Rountree was baptised in Donacavey on Sunday 27th December. It was a joy to meet Jaxon and his wider family circle for the short service. Our readings for the day were from Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:15-28. Luke tells the story of the birth of Jesus in surroundings, whatever they were, that were not worthy of such a child. Paul, in the letter to the region of Galatia, reminds the readers, and us also, that the timing of the birth of Jesus, was exactly as God had planned from the beginning of creation. Jesus was "born of a woman" that he might identify with us, and that he was "born under the law" that he might take the full weight of the law's demands for the wrongs we have done. As a result of the actions of Jesus we can be forgiven, adopted as his children, recipients of the Holy Spirit and become heirs of heaven. All this, Paul argues, is through "grace, by



Baptism for the Rountree family in Donacavey.

faith alone". It was very appropriate on the Sunday of Jaxon's baptism to remind everyone that just as circumcision was not necessary for salvation, baptism was also not a requirement. Promises were made on behalf of Jaxon, by his parents and Godparents but also the congregation that

they would teach and train him in the things of God. Let's pray for Nigel and Kim as they endeavour to fulfil the vows made on the day. Pray also for Jaxon as he grows up in a very strange and anxious time. May he, one day, come to know the wonder of Jesus.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by **Rev. Margaret Pringle**

Services

There are no church services due to Covid 19 untill further notice.



As I tidy the kitchen after lunch there are two big eyes peering out of a bed, transfixed on me as I busy myself in the kitchen. As I move towards the room where my coat and walking shoes rest, my four legged friend gets up and follows me slowly but surley and waits patiently



Some of the scenes from the nativity in the Donagh Group before Christmas.

until I have donned my walking gear. He is so excited, that is until I produce his coat from the cupboard and then we play hide and seek in and around the table. As I'm not a dog psychologist I don't know why but wonder if his pride as a French bulldog is being undermined by wearing a coat! Eventually I win the game by saying 'bye' and close the door, then he whimpers and as if to say "I give up, you win' Now with

his strap and lead secured, we are on our way, both happy campers as we do our daily walk on various secondary roads in the countryside, keeping within the permitted travelling distance.

I share this with you to encourage you to walk. We all know that walking is good for us but I found that it is not always easy to motivate oneself to get out and walk. We find other things to do or leave it until

tomorrow. My four legged friend Oscar won't give up until we have our walk. I have found daily walking beneficial.

Let's then look at some benefits of walking. According to medical authorities, walking is one of the most profitable forms of physical exercise.

- Walking is an easy way to become active.
- It's free.
- It improves circulation.
- It boosts our immune system.
- Eases joint movement.
- Regulates blood pressure.
- Give an opportunity to meet people.
- Increases lung capacity.
- Boosts our mood.
- Reduces stress.
- Improves quality of sleep.
- Strengthens bones.
- Improves health.
- Helps to become more aware of nature.
- You don't need special equipment.
- Increases energy levels.
- Helps maintain a healthy weight.
- Releases the 'feel good' endorphins.
- Access to fresh air.
- Strengthen leg muscles.
- Walking then improves our lives of physical and mental ability.

As we already have entered 2021, I hope more of us are walking and feeling better physically and mentally.

Our Christian life too is a walk, a journey which requires dedication, courage and persistence.

Our Christian walk calls for full surrender, a fully yielded life and a desire to please God rather than ourselves.

In the book of Genesis we read that "Enoch walked with God". He did not just have information or knowledge about God, he knew God. We can gain information about God by reading the Bible. We really come to know God through faith in Jesus Christ.

We also read in Proverbs 3:5; "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord

in everything you do, and he will show you the right way". Many of us miss the joy of walking with God because we walk in our own way.

Deuteronomy 8:6; "You shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him." Psalm 23; Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me and your rod and staff comfort me"



Poem

Footprints in the Sand

*"One night I dreamed a dream
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord
Across the dark sky flashed scenes of my life
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand
One belonging to me and one to the Lord"*
Mary Fishback

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Johnny Falls, aged 72 years who was laid to rest in the family burial plot in Errigal Truagh Parish graveyard on 7th December. The burial service was conducted by the Revd Margaret Pringle.

Sympathy also to Kenneth Boyd, Glaslough on the death of his mother- in- law Mrs Maggie Crawford, age 97 years. The funeral service took place in Killeevan Parish Church on Saturday 9th January. The service was conducted by the Revd Roy Taylor.

'The day thou gavest Lord is ended'

Nativity

Normally the chancel in Donagh is packed with children all dressed to perform the Annual Nativity Play on the Sunday before Christmas. This year due to the need for social distancing we had a very reduced number but some of the children within their family bubbles still delivered the Good News of the birth of Baby Jesus. A big thank you to narrators Alexandra Kendrick and Jessica Coulter, angels Rebecca and Emma Coulter and Hallie, Bobby and Tommy who were dressed as Mary, Joseph and a sheep.

Grant from Monaghan County Council

We are delighted to report that we have received a grant of €5,000 from Monaghan County Council Community Enhancement Programme (Round 2) towards the provision of a wheelchair accessible toilet at St Salvator's Church in Glaslough. Monaghan Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), with support from Monaghan County Council, delivered two phases to the Community Enhancement Programme in 2020. In June the LCDC delivered the CEP aimed at all community groups with a fund in the county of €55,451, (Round 1). The LCDC then implemented Round 2 with an additional fund of €109,947. Round 2 targeted capital grants towards the maintenance, improvement and upkeep of community centres and community buildings in County Monaghan. The work on the new toilet is well under way and is due for completion early in the New Year.

Grant from Marshall Beresford Fund

We are very appreciative of the allocation of a grant for €6,100 from the Marshall Beresford Fund towards the toilet extension, the recent refurbishment of two stained glass windows and some electrical work.



Some of the scenes from the nativity in the Donagh Group before Christmas.





Some photos of the new storage units at St Salvator's Church, Glaslough funded by Monaghan and Cavan ETB with Diane Wright-Kendrick, Honorary Secretary.



A big "Thank you" to the Select Vestry members for overseeing this work.

Grant from CMETB

The Select Vestry members wish to record their thanks to the Cavan Monaghan

ETB, Community Education Service for their recent grant of €2,287 towards the refurbishment of a communal space to hold educational and administrative materials for the Donagh Community Choir and various church organisations. This grant,

which aims to promote social inclusion, is supported by the Department of Education and Skills through Cavan and Monaghan Education & Training Board Community Education Service.

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"I didn't feel so bad when I learned he was going to pray for me. The 3 became 10, the 10 became 20, and 20 became 50, the 50 became 200 who met before every service to pray that the Holy Spirit might come upon me. I always went into my pulpit feeling that I would have the anointing in answer to the prayers of those who had faithfully prayed for me. It was a joy to preach! The result was that we received 1,100 into our church by conversion in three years, 600 of whom were men. It was the fruit of the Holy spirit in answer to prayer!"

Only God knows what amazing things would take place in your church if more people started to pray for the services each Sunday—for the preacher, the message and open hearts to receive.
Source unknown

Praying for the Holy Spirit to help the preacher

How important is faithfulness in prayer? Dr. Wilbur Chapman often told of his experience when, as a young man, he went to become pastor of a church in Philadelphia. After his first sermon, an old gentleman said to him, "You're pretty young to be pastor of this church. But you preach the Gospel, and I'm going to help you all I can." Dr. Chapman thought, "Here's a crank." But the man continued: "I'm going to pray for you that you may have the Holy Spirit's power upon you. Two others have covenanted to join with me in prayer for you." Dr. Chapman said,

Sunday Services

7th February

11.00am S o W, 'God is Faithful – God protects Moses' (Exodus 2:1-10)

14th February

11.00am S o W, 'God is Faithful – The Plagues of Egypt – Part 1' (Ex 8:16-19; 9:13-21)

21st February

11.00am HC2, 'God is Faithful – The Plagues of Egypt – Part 2' (Exodus 12:21-36)

28th February

11.00am S o W, 'God is Faithful – 10

Commandments' (Exodus 20:1-17)
S o W – Service of the Word
HC2 – Holy Communion 2

Midweek Services

3rd February

8.30pm HC2, 'Learning about healing from Jesus' (Mark 8:22-26)

10th February

8.30pm S o W, 'The Kingdom of God and Children' (Mark 10:13-16)

17th February

8.30pm S o W, Ash Wednesday, 'Your Father, who sees...' (Matt 6:1-6, 16-21)

24th February

8.30pm S o W, 'The Kingdom of God and Children' (John 3:1-18)
S o W – Service of the Word
HC2 – Holy Communion 2

Services

We continue to offer two services each week – one on the Sunday at 11.00am and a Midweek Service on Wednesday at 8.30pm. Our service on Sunday is an 'All-age' Service (open for all ages to come to 'In-Church' Worship), lasting no more than 40 minutes, while our Midweek Service is aimed more at adults (with more in-depth teaching from the Bible – currently picking up on one of the passages set for that day), lasting no more than 45 minutes. Both services will also be livestreamed on Facebook (uploaded later to YouTube), offering the service for those who for one

reason or another would prefer not to come back yet to 'In-Church' worship (if allowed under the restrictions).

Sunday School

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we decided to have a Virtual Nativity, which we showed as part of the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Children were given costumes and what to say and then the parents filmed them and then sent it to us through WhatsApp. Then Christine Quill put all the videos together and adjusted the volume, tone and lighting where needed. Of the almost 800 views on Facebook and YouTube (for the Christmas Eve Service), almost 500 have clicked to watch the service and this is probably down to including the Virtual Nativity. The shepherds were all filmed outside in the countryside with two of the shepherds having sheep in the background and one even having a sheepdog beside him. A big thank you to all the children who took part, for their parents who filmed it and sent them in and to Christine who put it all together.

YouTube Channel

Our YouTube Channel—at the time of writing this—has 234 worship videos (105 of these are Hymns from the Church Hymnal and 42 are from Thanks & Praise) as well as four action songs. The majority of our worship videos have been put together using audio recordings from our services since 2015 and then putting the



One of the shepherds taking part in the virtual nativity.

words to them.

We have also uploaded 87 Services as well as unlisted videos for the parents of Sunday School children. We still have difficulty getting people to subscribe to the channel, with 85.8% of those who watch our videos not subscribing to it. Please subscribe so that we can get a proper name for the channel, rather than the current one below.

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/)

When someone subscribes, they get an alert when a video is uploaded, making it much easier to watch the videos on a smart TV by simply going to channels 'subscribed' to and then clicking on the appropriate video.

Keeping up to date

There are several ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV (uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon)
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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At the time of writing these notes (6 January) we have been in another period of lockdown since Christmas with more restrictions being added this week. I am sure that most of us would like to see an

end to these restrictions while of course understanding the necessity for action to be taken to curb the spread of the virus at this time.

We should pray that the rollout of the vaccines will deliver a reduction in the number of cases and the number of deaths and we pray that this will lead to the restrictions being removed as soon as possible.

Christmas has been and gone and we are entering the Season of Epiphany and look forward to the Season of Lent. We will have a service to mark Ash Wednesday in Templecarne (restrictions permitting) and as I have said I will not be suggesting that you give anything up this year as we have made quite enough sacrifices already.

We hope that we will be able to celebrate Easter together this year and if we can I hope to have a Service of Celebration, Thanksgiving, Reflection and Remembrance around that time, but we will have to wait and see what the next months bring.

I posted a message on Facebook to mark the New Year and I would like to repeat that here for those wise people who are not on Facebook and also because there is no magazine in January so I could not include it in the magazine notes then.

I just wanted to post a short message on New Year's Eve. I am sure that many of you will think that it is good to see the back of 2020 and I can understand such sentiments.

However we should always remember that God works in ways that we do not fully understand, and part of faith is accepting this to be the case.

We do of course look forward to 2021 and hope and pray that whatever it brings will not be as challenging as the past months. I think that the greatest lesson we can take from 2020 is that life is not under our control no matter how much we think that this is the case.

If anyone had told us on this day last year how much our lives would have changed

this year, we would have either laughed or called for the people in the white coats to take the person speaking away.

We do look forward with hope as the various vaccines are rolled out and we pray that they will help to bring things under control and that life can revert to at least some semblance of what we consider to be normal.

I do want to make one more point and that is to address the fear that has been generated by our government, the media and others over these months.

I fully accept that we live in dangerous times and that we need to take steps to minimise the risk, but I do not accept that we should live in fear today or at any time.

Why do I say that?

These words from Isaiah tell us why. So do not fear, for I am with you;

do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

If we have placed our faith in Jesus Christ, we need fear no evil as we are assured that our place in heaven is secure.

I wish everyone who reads these words a Happy and Blessed New Year and I also pray that you know the Lord as your Saviour.

Parish Register

Baptism

On Wednesday, 25 November we welcomed a new member onto the church as I baptised Emily Anna Vance, daughter of James and Gemma and sister to Alfie.

We look forward to seeing Emily grow in faith in the years ahead.



Diary

■ Sunday 7 February - Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

■ Sunday 14 February - Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

■ Ash Wednesday 17 February - Templecarne 8pm

■ Sunday 21 February - Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid,

■ Sunday 28 February - Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

As has been the case in recent months the above services are subject to change.

When I first penned these notes churches in Northern Ireland were still open. However as the Church Leaders made the decision to close the churches we are currently back online, and that decision is to be reviewed later in January so by the time you read these notes we should know whether we have been permitted to resume worship together on 7 February or not. I will continue to update the Group Facebook page as the situation evolves.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:
Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

It was good to be back in our churches again, albeit briefly, during the Christmas season. We had a lovely Carol Service In Dartrey Church on Sunday, 20th December, conducted by Mr. Walter Pringle with the

young people reading the lessons. On Christmas Day, Rev Charles McCollum celebrated Holy Communion in Rockcorry Church, the last Service before another period of enforced closure. We are grateful to Walter and Revd. Charles for their ministry during the year.

Sympathy

A number of parishioners have been ill and bereaved in recent weeks. What a difficult time it has been for families of the bereaved during these Covid-19 times. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Finance

Once again, we are grateful to all who continue to support the parish financially. This is much appreciated by our treasurer.

Covid-19

A third wave now grips the country, this time in the depths of Winter. Hospitals are experiencing the highest Covid-19 admissions in the country as numbers

continue to rise exponentially putting front-line staff under unspeakable pressure. However, we have to remain hopeful. We have to remind ourselves, when we wake up on a cold January morning, that this will pass. We have to remind ourselves that the largest vaccination programme in history is under way. One day, we will look back on a Winter that we will never forget, the Winter of our discontent. To quote the poet Seamus Heaney; "If we Winter this one out, we can Summer anywhere."

This offers a beautiful image of hopefulness during a dark time. We all need a burst of confidence after a tough year. God bless. Keep safe.

Aughnamullen

Our thanks to Walter Pringle for conducting our Carol Service and to Mrs Betty Jordan for organising the music and to all the readers for taking part and to those who decorated the church.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers and good wishes to Alice Forde who is recovering in hospital.

Aghabog

Congratulations to Sharon Wright on her recent qualification as Bachelor of Business (Honours) and we wish her well in her work position, also to all other children who are studying either at home or in school at this difficult time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Amy Norris who is recovering in hospital in Dublin and wish her well for a speedy recovery.

Our Carol Service held on 20th December was very well attended even though it was held on a smaller scale. Our thanks to Walter, organist and to the Sunday school teachers for organising the readers and thanks to all those who read.



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Services in February

Sunday 7th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 14th February: The Sunday before Lent

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st February: The First Sunday in Lent

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th February: The Second Sunday in Lent

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

■ 19th December - Noah Finlay Edwards

The Chapter Room Roof showing the bad condition.



Marriage

■ 27th November - Jane Alice Robinson and Thomas Ian Weir.

■ 4th December - Amy Christina Marshall and Michael Stephen James Hall.

■ 12th December - Karen Anne Margaret Scott and Arnold Richard Graham.

Burial

■ 20th November - Florence Graham, 53 Tartaraghan Road, Portadown, formerly Fortlea, Enniskillen.

■ 3rd December - Frances Marina (Rene) Perry, County Care Home, Enniskillen formerly Derrychara Park, Enniskillen.

■ 9th December - Basil Elliott, Fairview Avenue, Enniskillen.

Cremation

■ 23rd November - Keith Wilson Styles, Little Derryinch, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes

(Cathedral Garden of Remembrance)

■ 12th December - Hannah Marie Blackthorn, 4B Market Street, Enniskillen.

■ 23rd December - Shirley Elizabeth Geraldine Rowland, 20 Castlewood, Enniskillen.

Cathedral Restoration Project

McCullum Construction, led by Mr Chris McCullum, has been appointed to plan and supervise this major project. Progress has been slower than planned due to the firm's staff absences due to Covid-19. However, the detailed drawings required by Building Control have now been completed and submitted. This is an important first step in the approval process required for the work. It is hoped that invitations to tender, together with detailed specifications of the work involved, will be issued to selected contractors during February. Work will



A complex roof structure

therefore not start until March at the very earliest. It will be most important that a contractor with the right skills is appointed for this important work.

Complex scaffolding arrangements will be required for the cathedral's complex roof structure. This will be arranged in such a way that it will not interfere with access to the cathedral which will be available for worship throughout the period that the work is in progress. Health and Safety aspects will be major considerations for Mr McCollum and the contractor. The Cathedral's insurance company will be informed in advance of commencement of the work.

Despite the initial delay, it is still the intention to have the external work and the internal redecoration completed in time for major celebrations of the cathedral's 400-year history during 2022.

Church Envelopes

Our FWO envelopes for 2021 were delivered to every home at the beginning of December. If you have not received any, please contact the Cathedral Office.

You will be aware that we have the added commitment of restoring the cathedral



Subscription envelopes.

roof this year. Re-roofing the cathedral is a massive project costing approximately £400,000. If this were to be divided equally among our contributing families it would be an exorbitant amount each, however we hope that every family will contribute as much as then can afford to see our magnificent building fully restored. I am not asking you to contribute above your means, but what I am asking you to do is to consider what you spent on non-essential items and give accordingly to the church – we know God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). All of us are well aware of the real financial struggles and hardship that many are facing with the on-going crisis of COVID-19; the result of this is that giving can often be squeezed and church giving sometimes falls victim to this. Therefore, we really appreciate parishioners' on-going commitment to the work of Almighty God here in Enniskillen. In each box there are 12 additional yellow envelopes – one for each month. They are placed at the start of each month in the hope that more funds are available then. Please give as generously as you can. The white envelopes are the regularly weekly envelope and we very much depend on your generosity in these to keep our day-to-day expenses covered. If you wish to pay to either the Roof Fund or the regular weekly contributions by Standing Order that can be arranged by contacting the Cathedral Office. Details of all contributions will be recorded in the end of the year Annual Accounts and you can remain anonymous if you so request. Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support for the parish.

The Dean

Christmas 2020

While 2020 has been a year like no other, we still have lots of things to be thankful for. The Cathedral was transformed for Christmas



Sabrina McCabe with one of her decorated Christmas trees.

with 12 Christmas trees by Sabrina McCabe pictured with the main tree at the front of the Cathedral. Maureen Farrelly who has been doing floral displays in the Cathedral for many years also makes the Advent Wreath. A candle is lit each Sunday during Advent



The Advent Wreath.



Rows of Christmas trees.



William Holmes presenting the Christmas cake to Beth.

and the fifth one on Christmas Day. Willie Holmes, our webmaster and projectionist is a man of many talents and has been baking a Christmas cake each year which he puts on Facebook asking his followers to guess how much there is of a certain ingredient to win it. This year it was won by the Parish Secretary, Beth Rennick. Willie and Beth are pictured when he delivered the cake which looked beautiful and tasted delicious.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

Lent serves as a time of preparation in the run-up to Easter and is observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. In many churches the bright colours which followed Christmas will be replaced by the more somber colour of purple, and it is the custom to the remove flowers (during Holy Week) and to choose hymns which also reflect the season. On Easter day the brightness



of the flowers, the hymns and alleluia will be re-instated, thus adding to the joy and celebration of the day.

Lasting 40 days, many Christians draw inspiration from the account of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Where for 40 days Jesus, 'full of the Holy Spirit', was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing and at the end of the time 'was hungry'. For Jesus, this time in the desert immediately pre-fixed what is seen as the start of His ministry, it was for Him, a time of preparation. Lent should not be viewed as a legalistic or compulsory act, rather as a fantastic opportunity to set time apart for spiritual cleansing, renewal, and preparation. Christians believe that because it was the sin of man that led Jesus to be crucified, Lent should be used as a time to reflect on the significance of Christ's death, both for humanity as a whole and for their own lives. Furthermore, the season should serve as a time of self-examination and confession of sins, of overcoming faults through penance, self-denial from certain items (fasting), of prayer and repentance, and of giving (both financially and in time). Ash Wednesday and Lenten services were planned but have had to be cancelled due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Viewing Online

Website visits in 2020 from 1st January until 31st December: Approximately 61,000. (Between 3rd December 2020 and 3rd January 2021 there were approximately 5,900 visits). On YouTube, there were 56,591 views in 2020, (9400 hours) though that only dates from Easter. Easter Sunday, where only the Dean and Jane were present had 1702 views. The most popular video of the year was the funeral of Shirley Rowland in November (6405). Remembrance Sunday has 5150 despite technical difficulties on the day. In December the most popular video was the wedding of Amy Marshall and Michael Hall (2708) followed by the Carol Service (916). Christmas Eve evening was 396 and Christmas morning was 391.

The number of live viewers each week is currently between 100 and 150 but during severe lockdown restrictions there were around 300. Interestingly, views of recordings afterwards far outweigh the live ones. Most range between 400 and 800 for normal services but occasionally go well over 1200.

Viewers watched 502,912 minutes in 2020.

Youth

Everyone in the Children and Youth team looks forward to the day that we can all meet in person again. Until then we hope you are enjoying our online sessions. Please stay in

touch via social media- we love to see what you are getting up to.

From the Children and Youth team

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!

SUNDAY LIGHTS + CAFE 2021 DATES

JAN 2021	FEB 2021	MAR 2021	APRIL 2021
10 th	7 th	7 th	15 th
1 st	27 th	27 th	25 th
29 th	25 th	25 th	
31 st			

Both Sunday Lights + Cafe are currently online. Weekly sessions are uploaded to our Children and Youth Google Drive every Friday ahead of service on Sunday. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional resources. All children must register to participate in Sunday Lights + Café. Details of this can be found below.

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We love Messy Church @ Home! In December we learnt about Jesus' birth and the story of the first Christmas. This month we created our own nativity scenes, made some stars and angels to add to our Christmas trees and decorated gingerbread houses. Dean Hall delivered a Christmas message and we even had an early visit from Santa!

There was no Messy Church in January. This month Messy Church is on Thursday 18th February (craft pick up on Monday 15th February). It's never too late to join - just make sure you register (details below). Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children of all denominations. This year Messy Church is all online!

We have created a private Facebook group to share video messages, worship videos, craft instructions, pictures and updates and



Taking part in Messy Church.

packs containing craft supplies are available to pick up from the Cathedral Hall every month. New families are always welcome please get in touch for more information on how you can get involved! Messy Church @ Home is held on the third Thursday of each month. A full list of dates for 2021 is included below.

Messy Church Dates 2020/21

- 18th February
- 18th March
- 15th April

Pack Pick-Up Date (4-5pm)

- 15th February
- 15th March
- 12th April

All children must register to participate in Messy Church. Details of this can be found below.

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We are looking forward to holding Xplore and Confirmation classes again once regulations permit. Until then, **please make sure all candidates and participants are registered** so that we can begin meeting as soon as possible. Details of this can be found below.

How can I get involved?

Please don't be strangers - if you have any questions please get in touch! We always love to hear from you. Registration forms and details on how to register for all Children and Youth organisations can be found:

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office

Prayer Books

Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have! We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the



church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00 and would make an ideal gift!

A New Year Prayer

Almighty God, You promise to hear us when we come to you in prayer. We so need Your listening ear at this time as the pandemic continues. When we are afraid, or lonely, or grieving, or in despair, help us to trust You and to know that You are with us in the middle of it all, sustaining us. You are not social-distancing, You are very, very close, full of love and compassion. We pray for our NHS and ask for Your special strength and protection for all staff. Thank you for the hope which the vaccines bring. Most of all thank You for the hope which Jesus brings. This earthly life is a whisper in the light of eternity and Jesus is the key to that eternal life. Thank You, Father, for meeting all our needs in Jesus. Amen.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Bits and Pieces

'and those whom we have forgotten, do Thou, O Lord, remember...'

Bits and Pieces.

This and That.

Frayed Edges.

It would be good to believe that Wednesdays were calm and seamless days.

Especially around 11 o'clock.

That's the time set aside in the parish mid-week to pray for all of the things that are to be prayed for.

It's supposed to be a settling time.

Lists are sent to a few others of those asking for support in prayer; there are those who also have quietly committed to settling on a Wednesday into their prayers too.

And when we are able to physically meet, it's often the day for a mid-week celebration of the Holy Communion, and the week-day set aside during Lent and Advent when we gather for worship.

I had great plans for Wednesdays. 11am would be the time.

Perhaps I would even go to church and say the prayers there.

Perhaps toll the bell as a reminder of ongoing prayer.

Not on this Wednesday. No. I have the image of a mother hen fixing her nest, adjusting the straw, turning some eggs, and settling

herself in for the long wait. We could mention Jesus' words recording by St Matthew, as He looked over the needs of His people and capital city:

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem! She who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her.

How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, yet you were not willing!

I wonder if Jesus ever struggled to settle into the work of sitting and brooding and waiting on the work of God?

Not on this Wednesday.

Settle I could not.

Fresh coffee.

Lists ready.

Names in mind.

Prayer book at hand.

I suppose it's a little like waiting for sleep.

But settle into prayer I would not. Settle I could not.

Sometimes I bring to mind the advice given by another; when calm and settled prayer is not at hand, then settle into the room you are in; settle into the chair, into your place, pay attention to where you are, and how you are. And be thankful.

As I tried to settle in, I noticed the small olive wood carving brought home from Bethlehem, and remembered before God the person who made it, and my brothers and sisters in another place.

I noticed the magazine sent from SAMS, the South American Mission Society, and remembered the words from my sister in Christ who has finished her time after several decades, working in Paraguay.

I noticed the photo of my sons which sits on my desk, and prayed for them, and my own home and family.

I saw my prayer book, and the small bookmark made from Donegal wool, and embroidered with a golden crown, to remind

me of The King of Kings. And especially I remembered the lovely lady who made it, who shared her faith with me, so early on, and who now has gone on to Christ. And so many other bits and pieces that morning. The handmade card by the Archdeacon of Derry, the small ceramic pot made by Anne McNulty in Enniskillen, the wool bag crocheted as a gift from my wife. A brass instrument mouthpiece. A small willow basket. A poster sent as a gift from Knit, Pray, Love. A postcard from an older Christian lady, bearing the words of Psalm 121.

A page torn from a water colour book, on the day I attended a class.

All individuals with their own skills and abilities, sharing them with me and with others,

making our lives what they are.

They might look like bits and pieces, but on that Wednesday I remembered the people, and the kindness and the gift.

I found myself being thankful for the journey shared and the memories they hold.

I had settled. And went on with the work I had gathered there to do.

And to the names in that day, I added others, and those who had asked for our prayers.

And in those lovely words from the prayer of the Eastern Church,

'and those whom we have forgotten, do Thou, O Lord, remember...'

Book Of Common Prayer p151

Prayer is not an exact science. Sometimes it is easier than others.

Sometimes we have only our intention to pray, and our hopes.

At times, it is possible only to sit there quietly, in the presence of the Father who loves us.

And when it is not easy, when it is only the bits and pieces, the frayed edges, the fragments, then we remember the God in whose keeping we always are.

We draw near to the One who remembers all that we forget.

We are upheld by the One who broods over us.

We settle.

Amen.

Precentor Hanlon

Worship

The stop and start nature of these recent months has had a significant bearing on parish life and ministry. We were permitted to reopen for a Carol Service and Nativity Sunday at the end of 2020. The last Sunday before another enforced closure was meaningful as a celebration of the Holy Communion. Although attendance was low, there was a clear sense of appreciation that we were able to gather at the Lord's Table, at all.



The gift bags for MU members in the parish.

Services again have moved online and onto CD. We are able to borrow a laptop for recording onto CD, and a camera for the audio recording, and thankfully have been supported to negotiate a podcast as a link from Facebook. Several individuals have given large amounts of their time to offering the practical help for recording and editing needed during these last nine months, and for that I am deeply appreciative. Also, our appreciation to the Churchwardens and the Planning Group for the work they have done in helping us interpret and apply the Guidelines issued.

Sunday School

The teachers and families of the Sunday School have shown great resilience and commitment in very trying times. There has been very good participation and interest from 93 children and young people from 48 households, across the village and much further beyond.

God willing, Sunday will be held online on Sunday 24 January, Sunday 21 February, and Sunday 21 March. In addition, there are plans for a Lent and Holy Week project, **'People Jesus Met On His Way To The Cross.'**

This will build during the weeks of Lent, with a new character displayed in a shop window each week, allowing the Sunday School to record the name and story for themselves. Look out for the display from Ash Wednesday. Again, thank you to those who work tirelessly for this.

Church Lads' Brigade

This has reopened online, with group classes each Tuesday fortnight. Some leaders also were able to attend the 2nd Battalion meeting help on-line in late January.





The letter sent to Emily Kells.



Emily Kells with her certificate.

Mother's Union

Generally the seniors of the Parish receive Christmas hampers prepared by Mothers' Union members, but sadly this year that was not possible.

However, members felt it was particularly important to still do something, so Branch Leader, Hilary Kenny and our seniors visitor, Elvina Funston, got together to prepare and deliver Christmas gift bags.

Many messages of thanks and gratitude have been received.

Congratulations to one of our members Mrs Emily Kells on winning The All Ireland Mothers' Union Christmas Card Competition in the 'Religious Christmas Card' category. There were three categories and entrants had to send their cards to the Diocese, where the best two in each section were

chosen and sent on to the All-Ireland Trustees who had it judged independently by an artist. This was a great achievement for Emily and we are all very proud of our talented member.

Holy Baptism

Seven baptisms took place last Autumn. Three further families have welcomed new additions to their household, and we look ahead to welcoming them into the Church family, through Baptism, later this year.

Weddings

Seven couples are preparing for their marriage service in St John's Church. Preparation has moved online, with guidelines for preparation sent after the initial booking. Preparation continues with a

consideration of the biblical teaching on marriage, and preparation of the liturgy. Thank you to all the couples as they adjust themselves to these online arrangements, and to the restrictions still in place.

Funerals and Bereavement

Until further guidance is issued, we are able to open St John's Church for a funeral service with a maximum of 25 persons attending, including the Incumbent Minister and the Organist. The Rector and Select Vestry have written guidance to help those attending understand the restrictions and the preparations in place to provide for their safety.

These have been issued to local undertakers.

Quiet Days

The January Quiet Day on the feast of the Epiphany was cancelled through lack of bookings. Hopefully the day planned for February will find a better response: It is planned for 8pm on Ash Wednesday, 17th February; To book, request a Zoom link by email from the parish office.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues to be very difficult due to the restrictions. Canon Robinson and I continue to make contact with those who are housebound through illness, or in residential or nursing care, as is possible.

If a letter, card, phone-call, or video-call on Facebook messenger, would be helpful, please let me know:

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Never Alone Always Cared For

It does not matter how tightly knit our families are or how many close friends we have. When we go through a difficult time or trial, many a time, we still feel all alone and that no one really cares or understands. Martha knew that feeling. She had on one occasion cried out to Jesus, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" (Luke 10:40). Jesus' disciples also knew what it was like to feel small, alone and in trouble. They cried out, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" when they were swept up in a terrifying storm (Mark 4:38).

Today, maybe the cry of your heart is also, "Lord, do You not care that I am left all alone...that I am going under...that I am perishing?"

My friend, the Lord does care for you. He loves you so much that He wants you to

cast all your cares upon Him—not just some but all your cares. He wants both your big and small cares. There is nothing too small or big for Him. If it is a care in your heart, He wants you to cast it upon Him.

When the apostle Peter wrote "casting all your care upon Him," he was talking about the continuous act of casting all your cares upon the Lord. As a care comes, God wants you to cast it to Him. That is the lifestyle He wants you to adopt. Why? The verse gives us the reason—"for He cares for you." You are casting all your cares upon the One who loves you, and who left all of heaven to come and die for you. That is who you are casting your cares to. It is not just any person, but it is the One who gave His life for you!

When you are going through a difficult time, God wants you to believe that you are never alone because He Himself has said that He



At Drummully Parish Christmas service is Mrs Eileen Hall as a King.



The five readers for the Carol service in Drummully were William Allen, Eileen Hall, Hazel Robison and her grandson and Myrtle Allen.



Mrs Petula Stephens with her two grandchildren at Drummully Parish.

will never leave you nor forsake you (see Hebrews 13:5). As the object of His care, He will take care of you for the rest of your life. You are never alone and always cared for!

Dress Up Sunday

We had no Nativity Play this year due to restrictions set by the governments in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead on Sunday 20th December, Drummully, Sallaghy and Galloon parishioners, young and old alike rose to the challenge to dress up. Some came as a character from the Nativity, some in their Christmas jumpers and various Christmas outfits. Revd. Lorraine dressed up as a Black Santa and then removed her cape to show her second outfit - her Onesie! A lot of effort was made by all three congregations. We even had

some very beautiful handmade outfits on display. Well done one and all!

Carol Services

Our Carol services were much shorter to adhere to government restrictions. Thanks to all our readers. In Drummully readers stayed in their seats, among them Mrs Myrtle Allen, Mr William Allen, Mrs Eileen Hall and Mrs Hazel Robison and Master Joe Robison. Sallaghy members from the Crawford family read our lessons: namely Mr Charles Crawford, Mr Richard Crawford and Mrs Jenna Crawford as well as Mrs Cindy McMenam. Little Charlotte Crawford sang a solo verse of "Away in a Manager". In Galloon thanks to readers Mr Richard Bell, Mr William Heaslip, Miss Hollie Hutchinson, Mrs Pearl Leary and Mr William Little. All

three churches were beautifully decorated for the services. Thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes to decorate our churches so tastefully for Christmas.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

On Christmas Eve we had a service of Holy Communion held in Galloon Parish Church. On Christmas Day we had a Group Service in Sallaghy Parish. It was the turn of the Clingan Family: Mabel, Rebekah and Joyce to lead the intercessions and Richard read the Gospel. Children present brought a toy with them.

The Work Goes On...

Sallaghy Parish had a work party clear up all the fallen leaves around both the church



The baptism for the Noble family in Galloon.



Shepherd Bert Robinson and his granddaughter at Galloon.



Organist Grace Rickey (Santa's Little Helper) with her daughters.



Santa comes to Galloon and is assisted by our Sunday School Superintendent, Dawn Hutchinson.



Santa wishes Revd. Lorraine a Happy Christmas.



A little gift for Angel Rubie.

and hall.

Galloon Parish had a work party come to the Rectory. They cleaned out the gullies, cleared moss and cut overhanging branches from the Rectory driveway. The backyard was also power-hosed! Thanks for all who volunteered to do so many jobs. Your efforts show and are gratefully appreciated.

Services in February

If the Government restrictions allow the following services are planned:

Sunday 7th February 2021 - The Second Sunday before Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 14th February 2021 - The Sunday before Lent



At Sallaghy were Shepherdess Joyce with her lamb Rebekah.

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th February Ash Wednesday
Service at 8pm in Galloon.

Sunday 21st February 2021 - The First Sunday in Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 28th February 2021 - The Second Sunday in Lent

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer



Readers in Sallaghy: Richard and Jenna Crawford, Cindy McMenamin, Charles Crawford and Revd. Lorraine.



Mildred Crawford (Rector's Churchwarden), Vera Fiddis (Sexton) and George Little (People's Churchwarden).



The Johnston Family at Sallaghy.



Little Poppy.



Maureen Faulkner.



The Kettle Family at Sallaghy.



The Moncrieff Family.



The Little family.



Santa visits Sallaghy.



Little Rueben, Charlotte (soloist) and Emily.



George and Noreen in their handmade outfits.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher

Vacant

Canon Alan Irwin, Rural Dean, is in charge.

Revd Maureen Desborough is providing pastoral cover

Church Services Diary

Church Services will resume when it is deemed safe to do so and the Coronavirus infection rate has reduced. In the meantime we pray for the safety of everyone.

Thanks during vacancy

On behalf of the Select Vestry and Congregation of all four churches we want to express our thanks to everyone for their help during our vacancy. Canon Alan Irwin, our rural Dean for his supervision and administration of Holy Communion for Christmas to parishioners at home.

Thanks to Canon Billy Johnston for the many services he has taken during the vacancy. Finally thanks to Rev Maureen Desborough who has moved to reside in the Garrison area for her retirement. She has relocated from Yorkshire and is helping out in our group by taking HC services.

A special thanks to Revd Maureen for her excellent contributions to our Facebook services and also to other parishioners for their additions.

Finally thanks to Doreen and Jenna Earls for their administration of our group's FB page during this pandemic. It is viewed by many people, near and far and is a great solace during such stressful and difficult times.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Family Service was held in Slavin Parish Church, where a sketch entitled 'What's Christmas all About?' The Host had a panel of guests who were each asked the question, 'What is Christmas all about?' The guests were, Miss Know it all, Miss Don't know a lot, Mr. Remember well and Shaun the Sheep. Due to sickness amongst the Sunday School children, some members of the congregation took over roles at short notice. A big thank you to our two Sunday School members, 'Shaun the Sheep' acted by Henry Gregg and 'Mr. Don't Know a lot' acted by Tom Gregg, our youngest



Rachel Love, churchwarden at the Christmas Eve Service in Belleek Church.

member. Thank you to Audrey Ovens who played the part of 'Miss Know it all', and Marina Hassard who played the role of the 'Volunteer'. Doreen acted as Host and Florence as 'Miss Don't Know a lot'. Canon Johnston gave an interesting address on the real meaning of Christmas which tied in very well with the sketch. Audrey Ovens and Marina Hassard sang two pieces, 'Holy Child' and 'Born in the Night'. Marina accompanied on guitar. A poem entitled, 'Don't Forget Jesus' was read by Audrey Ovens. Belleek Christmas Eve was a service of Holy Communion led by Revd. Maureen Desborough. The lesson was read by Rachel Love, Churchwarden, who welcomed Revd. Maureen to her first service in Belleek Church. Robbie Johnston sang, 'O Holy Night'. The church was very tastefully decorated by Helen Thompson. Revd. Maureen thanked all who had helped with the service and who had taken part. The Christmas Day Service in Garrison was also conducted by Revd Maureen. Although we were small in numbers that morning due to the many outbreaks of the virus in the area, it was a beautiful service. Canon Johnston conducted the Advent carol service after Christmas in Belleek church. Rachel Love read one of the lessons and Doreen Earls was the organist.

Thanks for your financial contributions

We want to express our thanks to everyone for their payments during this difficult year. Many people contacted their church treasurers and made payments at the end of 2020. Unfortunately all the bills still need to be paid and without the contributions from everyone this would not be possible. And finally on this subject



One of the decorations.

a very big thanks to the treasurers of the four churches, Lorraine Boyd who looks after Garrison and Belleek, Elizabeth Ovens in Slavin and Pauline Carson in Kiltyclogher. The role of treasurer in a church is a time consuming, painstaking role which all our ladies do by giving up their valuable time which is so often taken for granted. We are indeed very grateful and couldn't continue without your expertise. We are eternally grateful,

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been unwell in recent weeks. We remember in particular the housebound and those who are shielding that we will get through this next phase safely until everyone is vaccinated. We offer our prayerful support to anyone who is struggling during this pandemic. It is a difficult time for all and we think of those who have no employment at the moment, also those who are isolated. Those who are working from home, home schooling and those who are key workers and have to face their fears as they go out to work every day. We remember our young people, both at school and university who are separated from their friends, it is a challenging time for them as they try to keep up with their studies. Please remember Kathryn Ovens in Scotland in your prayers. Kathryn is progressing well and we pray for continued healing as she begins her next phase of treatment. We offer all our prayers up to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Keep Up to Date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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Christmas Tree

Thanks to Mina Elliott for decorating the church Christmas tree so beautifully. Thanks to all who helped to decorate the church in general or who left things to use eg candles.

Gifts

Thanks to all who brought gifts for the Salvation Army to distribute to local children and teenagers in need. Thanks to Elizabeth McClelland who collected them and delivered them to the Salvation Army church in Enniskillen.



Gifts for Salvation Army Appeal for Christmas.



Dolly attending the Christingle service.



Reading the
Advent book.

Carols

Carols by Candlelight – thanks to all who made this service a success: the reader Richard Harkness; the organist Gillian Rutherford; the soloists Lucy Muldoon, Michelle Elliott, George Ferguson and Alan Ferguson and the churchwarden Elizabeth McClelland. Special thanks to Andrew Khew and his assistant Oliver Khew who filmed the whole service in a creative and meaningful way which was then posted onto the parish and diocesan Facebook page.

Service

Thanks to Canon and Mrs Hemplebottom who kindly recorded an online service for us whilst Rev Stephanie was on holiday.

Sanitiser

Church rails (inside and outside) are still in use so please make full use of them. They are immediately disinfected if used.

Facebook

Thanks to Leeann Muldoon who does an amazing job keeping us all abreast of what is going on through the church Facebook page.



George and Lisa at the Christingle Service.



Reading the
Advent book.

Churchwardens

Thanks to Elizabeth McClelland and Mary Elliott (churchwardens) who both do a professional job in keeping a record of who attends services with their contact details as well as a map of where everyone sits. Over the Christmas period Elizabeth has been taking 'service bookings' over the phone.



Decorations



Decorating the Christmas tree in church.

Holy Baptism

20th December 2020 - Lucy Alice Katherine Ferguson, daughter of Julie and Alan, Caldrum, Derrygonnelly.



The Ferguson baptism.



One of the young parishioners.



Canon and Mrs Hemplebottom.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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What is your favourite fruit? Is it an apple or an orange or maybe a banana or perhaps something more exotic like a dragon fruit? Well, if you were to ask me what my favourite fruit is... and if I had to pick just one out of all the fruits that there are... and if it could only be one... I would have to say that my favourite fruit would have to be... all things considered... it would have to be... love.

In Galatians 5:22, the apostle Paul outlines what he calls the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The list gives us a not necessarily all-inclusive compliment of the Holy Spirit's fruits but it does give us an interesting picture of productivity in partnership. If you were asked to draw a picture of a tree, say an apple tree, how would you set about it? You'd probably begin with the trunk and then out of that would come the branches



A silent night scene over Kilskeery Parish Church.

and next might be the leaves and to make sure that the viewer would know that it was an apple tree, you would at last put in some apples. What is interesting is that the tree finds its purpose and identity, not from what it is mostly made up of, which is trunk, branches, leaves and a considerable network of roots, but from those small roundish fruits that appear for a few months of the year on its branches. Therefore, we have apple trees, pear trees, plum trees, and orange trees, to name but a few. Jesus himself made the comment that it is, "...by their fruits you shall know them." (Mat.7:20) The tree is able to produce fruit when it has sun, water and nutrients. The sun shines generally on it where it is planted but it gets what it needs specifically from where it is planted in the ground. The apostle Paul highlights the need for God's people to be specifically planted in good ground, in Christ. When we are planted in Christ then we are able to draw from the resources that come from the presence of the one who nourishes us, provides the

living waters that refresh and give life, and cause us to bear His fruit. As God's people ground themselves in Him, maintaining and cultivating and tending their relationship with the Lord then His fruit grows upon their branches and suddenly others recognise by their fruit that they belong to Him. The fruit of the Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life and declares that they are in a real and living relationship with Him. It reflects the persons openness to the Lord, their partnership with Him in their lives and that they are drawing from His resources of love and grace and mercy and health and strength and courage and hope and faith and more. Could an appropriate challenge be for us all this year to be a Holy Spirit fruit bearer! Especially weighed down with the fruit of love but making room for all the rest too. And the joy and prayerful expectation is that fruit produces more fruit as it falls off the branches of our lives through being tested and shaken (and as those around us see our faith stand firm and shine), but also

through ripeness and readiness to release and share that fruit – in action, practically, in love to those the Lord sets before and has put around us – first with the family of faith and then with the world around.

Christmas in Kilskeery and Trillick

Over Christmas time we enjoyed Carols by Candlelight in Christ Church, Trillick and on another occasion in Kilskeery Church. As already mentioned in last month's edition we had a switching on of the Kilskeery Christmas lights after a socially distanced Family Christmas Party in Kilskeery Church building. We enjoyed a Christmas Eve Communion Service which took us into the

early hours of Christmas morning which saw a further two Christmas Day services on Christmas morning. We have been able to offer a Drive-in alternative to our Sunday morning worship and it was no different on Christmas morning. We were blessed to have been able to offer Holy Communion to those in the drive-in as well as those in the church buildings.

Setting out in 2021

As we began a New Year we have spent some time looking at the greatest commandments from Deuteronomy 6 and Matthew 22 with the challenge to be active in our engagement with them. Beginning with love we will be seeking to further

explore our connection with the one who enables us to bear that fruit as we spend time centring around Galatians 5:22 (hence my introductory thoughts). We look forward to getting back into our Church building's again and begin our journey towards Easter time within the next few weeks on Ash Wednesday.

Facebook

Facebook continues to be a means of keeping in contact and also getting information out about what's going on and what has been on. We upload a Sunday Service each week along with other words of encouragement, prayers and other general information.

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck

Vacant

Very Rev Kenneth R J Hall
The Dean of Clogher
is in charge.



Services and pastoral cover provided by **Revd. Colin Brownsmith.**

A message from the Revd. Colin

Well, Christmas came and Christmas went and so did our plans. The Candlelight Service, Communion on Christmas Morning, Carol Services - all our plans evaporated, forced out by the Coronavirus. But despite the changes to our plans, and the closing, again, of our church buildings, our church continues. You are our church and we are glad to be church with you. As we continue to worship our Lord from our homes, as we continue to face these difficult times together, we remain church. The love of our Lord continues and while secular Christmas may have suffered a nasty blow, the love of our Lord that came down to earth in that season remains.

Now as we start this new year we will look forward to the days when some normality will return to our worship. As we return, I think we will do so with much greater appreciation of what that worship means to us. There is nothing that reminds us so much of the value of a thing as the threat of losing it. With that in mind, my resolution for



Some of those taking part in the online Carol



this year is to keep the value of worshipping together with you, foremost in my mind. We will, for the next month or so, continue with online worship but it will always be with the hope of meeting up together as soon as it is safe to do so.

And now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen

Christmas 2020

As the Revd Colin has said, church life at Christmas was very different to what we'd hoped and planned for! The Advent Candles had been lit on the first three Sundays of Advent, and beautiful floral arrangements and a Christmas tree had been put in place. Morning Services were being live-streamed each Sunday. 'Carols by Candlelight' with smaller numbers in church had been planned for 20th December at 7.00pm with the service to be live-streamed to the Parish Centre and

shared on Facebook...

...Instead the Carol Service had to be cancelled, but pre-recorded instead, in the safety of people's homes! Warmest thanks must go to all the readers who agreed to take part at very short notice - Gary Black, Ann Orr, Tiana-Grace Abbott, Robert Dane, Harriett Kirkpatrick, Lee Beacom and Lizzie Hogg and of course to the Revd. Colin for his Bidding Prayer, Gospel Reading and Closing Prayers. It was great to have Christmas music that had been recorded in previous years by Lynda, David and Alice. The 'First Communion of Christmas Service' that we'd planned to pre-record in Coolbuck with very small numbers and which we'd hoped to post on Christmas Eve had to be cancelled too. Maybe next year that service will 'really' happen! Fortunately the Sunday School Children and a number of our young people came to the rescue and thanks to huge co-operation from parents, Sunday School



Some of those taking part in the online Carol Service.



Teachers and Bridge leaders we were able to post 'Christmas Then and Now' on Christmas Eve - featuring video clips from more normal years and a lovely range of readings, prayers, songs, music, poems and greetings! Huge thanks must go to Willie Irvine whose video editing skills proved invaluable in allowing both services to be created and posted.

For the first time, probably in living memory, there was no service in church on Christmas Day and at the time of writing all Sunday Services are to be online until Sunday 7th February. To date the Revd Colin has led a number of lovely Services of the Word from his own home. Our live-streaming has yet to resume...

Catering Committee

In early December a lovely project was undertaken by the ladies from the Catering Committee who, in normal years cater for big breakfasts, funeral teas and lots of other parish events. In a great example of teamwork they provided traybakes, scones, table decorations and cards and filled and delivered nearly 50 gift bags to our elderly parishioners, the vulnerable and to many who live alone. Huge thanks to all in that team for their work and to the Revd Colin for



Hilda Dane with some of the MU gift bags.



his lovely messages that went out with the gifts as well.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union Members were very appreciative of gifts received during December from our own branch and from the Diocese.

Vestry Meeting by Zoom

Our first Vestry Meeting since September was held by Zoom on Thursday January 7th. It was very well attended and there was lots of useful discussion - unfortunately the photographer forgot to take a picture!

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers all in our parish and community who are grieving, especially those families who have been recently bereaved. We pray too for all who are ill, in hospital, undergoing tests, waiting for operations or recuperating. We remember too all who are lonely, in nursing homes, or separated from the company of their families and friends due to the virus.



Ruth Hood with some of the Christmas decorations used for gifts for elderly parishioners.



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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 7th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 17th

8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday 21st

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

(Collection for sponsored children)

Thank goodness that's over

How often have people said something like that:

"Thank goodness that's over"

It could be after a visit to the dentist.

Or maybe after an operation in hospital which involved surgery.

For many people today, it might refer to 2020.

A year that most will try to forget because of COVID-19.

And yet, in so many other ways, people will remember good things about 2020:

A marriage

A new-born baby

A party, birthday or otherwise

A new job or perhaps even job promotion

You cannot make an accurate judgment about anything based on one event.

Even if that one event is COVID-19.

We endured many things through "The Troubles".

And yet life continued as normal for most.

It is true that the deaths as a result of the virus or "The Troubles"

Were terrible for the recipients

And traumatic for their families and neighbours.

We can never diminish that.

But until the virus struck, Brexit was the focus of everyone

And it still is a major focus today, even though it might seem less important in comparison.



Christmas decorations.



The Bible tells us in 2 Corinthians 10:12 that we are not wise to make comparisons. Now I know that the Bible is talking about comparisons between people.

But perhaps we can use it in this instance too.

We are in danger of losing our focus when we compare between things.

When we try and make a judgment between the seriousness of different events.

Our focus as Christians should always be Jesus.

Even in the midst of serious events, Jesus never changes.

He is always the same, yesterday, today and forever.

He is a constant that can be relied on.

No matter what we may be facing.

And He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us..

Perhaps rather than saying:

"Thank goodness that's over".

We should be saying something like this:

"Thank you Jesus that you were with me during that."

"I would have found it more difficult if I had been on my own."

Praise God that with Him in our lives

We are never on our own.

Burial

■ November - Baby Grace Hall, Kingston Road, Lisnaskea.

■ 23rd December - Thomas Raymond (Ray) McLaughlin, 2 The Acres, Lisnaskea.

Deepest sympathies are extended to both family circles.

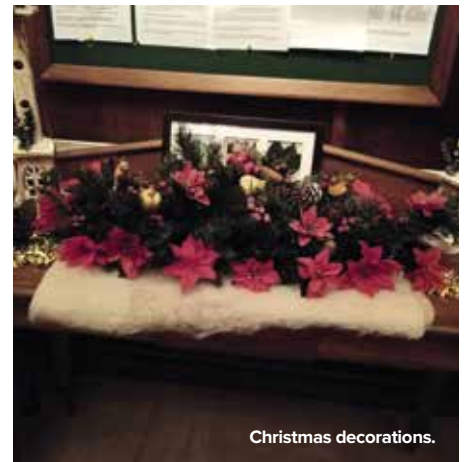
Covid-19

As these notes are being prepared our churches are once again closed for services in line with Government guidelines around COVID-19 but we trust we can re-open in February. As we look forward to Spring and brighter days hopefully the situation will improve and everything will get back to some sort of normality.

In the meantime if you need to contact the parish about anything or simply need someone to talk to, please phone Revd. Capper on the number above or the parish office and leave a message. Weekly sermons can be found on www.alancapper.com Anyone concerned about their freewill offering envelopes or donations can bring them along to the office but please ring beforehand as hours may vary a little at the moment.

Christmas

Although very different this year we still celebrated Christmas as best we could given the regulations, with two shortened services of lessons and carols and Holy Communion on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning. Thank you to Letty Downey and Lindsey Lucy for helping with the music and also the ladies who decorated the church.



Christmas decorations.

Magheracross



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Christmas and New Year has passed off quietly in Magheracross.

The highlight of the season was our Carol Service which was pre-recorded and included singing from a small group of five choir members and readings recorded by local shop workers recorded as they worked. These included Stephen Curley,



Robert Graham, Moore's Meats.

store manager in Beatty's Spar; Stephen Grey, owner of Barber Boulevard; Matthew Brown, assistant in Roulston's Centra; Amy Patton, assistant in Marco's chip shop; Myra Beatty, Poacher's Inn (recorded in a barn as the Inn was closed); Robert Graham, assistant at Moore's Meats; Andy Burleigh of Riverside Meats; George Beatty of Beatty's Fuel, Thomas Knox, pharmacist



Stephen Grey, Barber Boulevard.

at the Village Pharmacy and our soloist, Catherine Graham who performed in the company of a small number of very attentive Texel ewes on the farm. As expected, the number attending or traditional Christmas services was much reduced. We are grateful to all who assisted in cleaning the church between the services.

Naomi Armstrong, our youth worker, has

continued to work with the young people in the Parish and Methodist Church. Unfortunately, her planned Christmas activity was cancelled at short notice due to restrictions but she was able to continue to gather our teens and younger ones with a series of on-line parties and activities.

Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. It is obviously impossible to plan any extra services this year but there will be, at least, an online activity mid-week as well as our Sunday service.

Vaccines

By the time you read this, we hope that a large number of our seniors and health care workers will have received their vaccines. We are very proud that the first recipient in our area was parishioner Mrs Mary Aiken whose photograph appeared in the local press.



Catherine Graham and her audience of Texel sheep.

Magheraculmoney



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Engaging with Scripture

“Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do. But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? We do. Do you wish that we could see it all made new? We do. Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is. Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is. Is it good we remind ourselves of this? It is.” These poignant and powerful words (based on Revelation 5) from the worship song ‘Is He Worthy?’ by Andrew Peterson are a welcomed commentary against the backdrop of the chaos of our world today. Even a cursory glance at the news or social

media might very easily make us want to run for the hills! Politics, a worldwide pandemic, war and terrorism, culture wars, injustice, famine and the world of constant connectiveness - the world of today can feel oh so broken and overwhelming. As Christ-followers we need help to grapple with the issues of our day and remind ourselves ‘that all the darkness won’t stop the light from getting through’. One of the clear ways we do this is through our engagement with the Scriptures - engagement which leads to life in the kingdom and our place in God’s story. We probably need to acknowledge that we live in an increasingly biblically illiterate culture - not simply in terms of knowing what the Bible says and how God’s story unfolds and fits together, but also in knowing how God wants to use His word to draw us closer to Him. The contemporary context in which we live brings to us, as Christ-followers an urgent and clear challenge to reflect and wrestle biblically and theologically in a way that is culturally engaging - a way that matches our words and deeds to create the environments where God’s kingdom can tangibly come ‘on earth as it is in heaven’.

This is not some new endeavour, it has been the challenge in every age and every culture. It is the ongoing challenge of allowing Scripture to resonate and connect with the real lives of people - not in some abstract way but in a way that is living and real. A way that brings encounter with the Living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Perhaps we could very simply pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us as we



walk in the Scriptures - being careful not to walk as detached observers but committed engaged participants. May God’s story not only unfold in our own personal lives but also in our collective life together as church.

*Be blessed
Francis*

Christmas @ Ardess

We are thankful to Phil and Liz Crooke who wonderfully decorated the church for the Christmas season. It looked stunning and gave some normality to our Advent and Christmas worship gatherings.

Christmas-In-A-Box

Christmas Day Dinner is usually provided



The large number of Christmas Day and Boxing Day dinners prepared and delivered in Magheraculmney Parish.

and organised every year at the Ardess Parish Centre by Glenn Johnston and his family. However, due to the Covid-19 restrictions we had to cancel the Christmas dinner gathering for 2020. A new idea had to be thought of to ensure that they could still provide dinners to anyone who may be unable to make their own dinner or be on their own so it was decided to do 'Christmas-in-a-Box'. The idea was to deliver a Christmas Day dinner on Christmas Eve and to make Christmas extra special. Share Ardess added crackers, Shloer, mince pies, coffee, teabags, a gift voucher to use in the Courthouse Cafe and various other treats. Alan Crawford of Share Ardess had received only five names for Christmas Day Dinner with less than 10 days to go so it was decided to add in an extra dinner to the boxes for Boxing Day. However, by the 22nd December, 29 orders had been placed for Christmas-in-a-Box! We very much appreciate the help of Glenn's colleagues from Dunnes Stores in Omagh who made up the meals for both days. On both days, a starter, main course

(Christmas Day traditional dinner and on Boxing Day turkey, ham and leek bake) and also a dessert were provided.

Share Ardess

Share Ardess throughout the lockdown period has continued to supply hampers to agencies and people within the local community. We have also participated in a healthy eating promotion which enabled us to include fresh fruit and vegetables in our hampers. Share Ardess would like to thank those who have and continue to make donations of food and money. Donations have also been accepted and are welcome for the Tunic Store which does a range of second-hand clothes for all ages which are available to those who are in need.

Wednesday Prayer @ Ardess

WhatsApp has been the means through which we have continued to pray, separately but together, on Wednesday mornings. This has been an encouraging time together and a great way in the current context to be together in God's presence.

Life Groups

Despite restrictions, some Life Groups have got tech-savvy and have been meeting up via Zoom allowing us to at least have online face-to-face meetings.

Lent 2021

Lent begins this year on 17th February with Ash Wednesday. At the time of writing, it is hard to know what kind of gatherings we will be able to have during this season of penitence. However, we will no doubt be able to use this time to 'think again' to 'turn around' - to repent in the face of our own sin and indeed the sins of the wider society of which we are a part.

FUNERALS

- 11 December 2020 - Basil John McFarland (known as John) (62), Ederney
- 19 December 2020 - Isobel Knox (91), Kesh

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who mourn.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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A note from Revd Abraham

I write these notes a few days after Northern Ireland's chief medical officer, Dr Michael McBride has warned that the current third wave of the pandemic "will get worse before it gets better" and he has urged the public to assume everyone they come into contact with has Covid-19. Dr McBride also warned that people need to stay at home, people need to reduce their contacts – there should be no unnecessary contacts and that people should not leave their home unless for work, essential travel, or exercise.

In a recent letter from Archbishop McDowell, (07/01/21) regarding in-church worship! the Archbishop wrote, "in light of the current serious and worsening situation and in line with clear public health guidance that people should stay at home,



we have decided that all public gatherings for worship and all other in person church activities should cease for our particular denomination, until Saturday 6th February 2021".

This has meant that we have a returned

to worshipping online, and we have been streaming Morning Prayer live at 10.30a.m. over the past two Sunday Mornings, and will continue to do so until it is safe to return to our parish churches. This way of worship is alien to many people, and certainly does not compare with meeting on a regular basis in church and worshipping the Almighty Lord together as a community of Christian believers. However, this separation from each other does not stop us from being the 'church'. The 'word' church never was intended to refer to a building, but to the people of God. The word 'church' comes from the Greek word 'ekklesia' and is found at least 114 times in the New Testament. The ekklesia in the New Testament is a group of people who have been called out of the world and to God; it is the people, not the building, that is ultimately the church. In (1 Peter 2:9-10; the apostle speaks to the community of Christian believers, who were lonely, frightened, and unsure of their future, as they were scattered away from their homeland across five different countries. Peter tells them that although they were aliens in foreign lands, they were not abandoned; although they were frightened, they were not forgotten by God.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy".

As Christians we have a special place in God's ongoing plan of redemption. We are born into the family of God and have become a new creation through spiritual birth, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As a church—even though we are outside the physical building, we do need to continue to look inwards and look after ourselves and our church families. But we must also look outwards in these uncertain times, through our phones, through social media, or by whatever means is possible and safe, to enable us reach out to those people who never enter church buildings, but who like the rest of us are searching for hope and meaning.

Holy Communion at Christmas 2020

We celebrated Holy Communion in both our parish churches on Wednesday 16th December, and we were delighted with the numbers that attended. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this was the only occasion that we celebrated Holy Communion over the Christmas period, as our planned Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services in both churches had to be cancelled.

Burial

Miss Anna Chambers; 20th December 2020 in Maguiresbridge parish churchyard.
Hugh Downey; 11th January 2021 in Maguiresbridge parish churchyard.

Cremation

William Weir; 21st December 2020.

Sympathy

The select vestries/the members of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk, and I, extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Family/Carol Services

We held shortened versions of our usual carol services in both parish churches on Sunday 20th in which our 'Sunday School' children took part. It was a special time of worship and we say a big thank you to the 'Sunday School' teachers and helpers who prepared the children for these enjoyable occasions.

I would also like to thank all those who have been involved in organising our young people to take part in our monthly 'Family Services' over the past months and I look forward to working with them again—in safer times.

Additional Online acts of Worship and Prayer

During the present lockdown period our Sunday morning worship will be live on our 'Grouped Parishes Facebook Page' at 10:30 a.m. Also, we invite people to join us for short acts of worship and prayer on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. Sunday evening: 'An Order for Compline (Page 154 BCP) at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday Evenings: 'A Late Evening Office' (Page 162 BCP) at 9:30 pm.

Keep your Distance! Wash your hands! Stay at Home! (where possible) and Keeps safe! Abraham.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Sunday Services

With COVID restrictions we are limited to holding services online.

We will be on Facebook live at 10:30am

each Sunday morning.

In the church's year we are in the season of Epiphany which is one of the hope and good news of who Jesus is being revealed to the nations. On Sundays we are going to be looking at how some people responded to Jesus. We'll look at the some of the disciples, Paul and Simeon and Anna. They saw in Jesus God's word being fulfilled to send the Messiah, the Saviour into the world. They saw in Jesus, God the Son, in his life, his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection, the way to know God being revealed. Responding with faith in Jesus lets us have a good and right relationship with God as we follow him each day of life.

I am able to put the service onto a CD and can deliver these to people. If there is anyone who would like to have a copy please let me know.

Keeping going

This lockdown and sense of restrictions

does feel different and a bit more difficult than before, not least because of that sense that we've been here before and didn't think we'd be here again. However can I urge you to keep going with the good habits that we built up during the first lockdowns and restrictions. The good habits of meeting virtually together on Sundays and Wednesdays. The good habits of keeping in touch with each other with phonecalls, texts, messages, cards or letters. The good habits of staying close to God and reading his word. The good habit of prayer. Don Carson speaks about one axis of prayer being both sustained and brief prayer and this helps us see what and how we pray. Our prayer should be and has been sustained. We have kept on praying for healing, for help, for a vaccine, for our hospitals, for healthcare and emergency workers, for the church, for each other, for our schools. This is good and looking back we can see how this prayer is answered. Our prayer has also been brief. Praying for



those people or situations who have come to our minds at certain times. Our sustained prayer has helped us to keep praying. It has laid the groundwork for our brief prayers.

Wednesday Bible Study

We are going to be continuing our Wednesday night Bible Studies on Facebook live at 8pm. Up to Lent (which begins on 17th February this year) we will work through the book of Ruth. Ruth is a short book, of just four chapters and 85 verses, but it is a significant book. It is a story of hope in a time when there wasn't

always a lot of hope. It is a story of hope in a heartbroken family living in the time of the judges that was often harsh as God's people ignored him.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations and every blessing to Emma Adams and Kieran McDermott who were married on 5th December in Cloverhill Parish Church.

Condolence

We offer prayerful sympathy to Neville Adams and family on the death of his

brother and to Mrs Helen Duffy on the death of her brother and sister-in-law. Also to Brian Hamilton on the death of his uncle.

Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service

Due to Covid restrictions this service was held on Facebook live on Tuesday 15th December using pre-recorded readings and carols. Thank you to all who read (and were happy to be recorded). The collection was taken using a GoFundMe page and was in aid of Tearmann (Domestic Violence Services).

Christmas Services

The group services were held in Ballinode at 9am and St Patrick's at 10:30am. There was a very good attendance at both services. We had asked people to book in for the services so that we could make the best use of space to accommodate people under the Covid-19 restrictions and our thanks to the Churchwardens for getting people to their pre-booked seats.

Illness

Please remember in prayer those who are ill or recovering from illness, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

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A message from the Rector

I would like to give parishioners an update on plans for me taking on the position of Bishop and therefore leaving my role as Rector. Due to the extension of the Covid-19 restrictions, the Archbishop of Armagh has proposed the 25th March as the date for my Consecration. It is hoped that by this stage there will have been an easing of restrictions to allow the return to in-church worship. If the service is permitted to go ahead it will likely be very limited in the numbers of people attending. This is a disappointment as it would have been wonderful to have a good many Rossorry parishioners and others from the diocese and further afield present. However, it is hoped to plan an enthronement service later in the year when a larger congregation might be present. Heather and I value your continued prayers as we prepare for the next steps.

I shall keep you all updated as the plans perhaps become more certain at the beginning of March. We do hope and pray at this time for our community, that the impact of the coronavirus pandemic might



be receding as the vaccination programme too extends to a wider group of people. We trust in God to bring us light in the gloom of lockdown and that we may find strong hope for the future.

**Your friend and Rector,
Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis**



These notes, below, are prepared by Gerry in the Parish Office on behalf of the Parish. If there are any items you would like me to cover, or photographs of parish events, please let me know before the submission date which is the 15th of the preceding month.

Our new Bishop

At the time of going to press, the plan for the Consecration of our new Bishop is scheduled for late February – but of course in the current situation with new lockdown regulations – this may not happen on that date.

Keep an eye on the Facebook pages for Rossorry Parish Church or Clogher Diocese for any update.

How is the Parish keeping its work going?

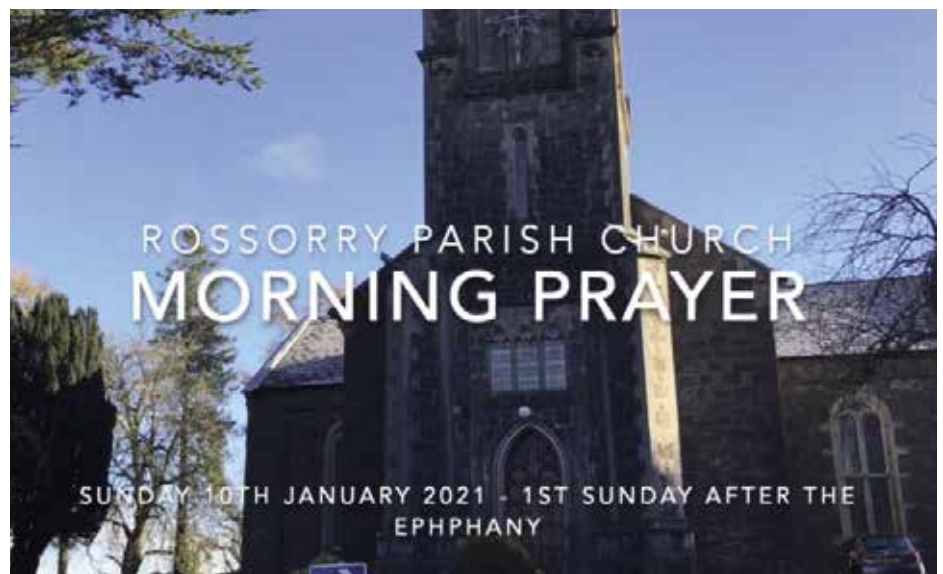
The current emergency has changed the way we work- indeed the way we must work-in spite of this, we are managing to keep the work of the Parish moving, as best we can. Below are details of the various methods we have devised to provide some level of services and pastoral support to you, the parishioners.

Return to in Church Worship

As you probably know, by now, the Church has had to close again, as part of the plans to combat the recent upsurge of Covid-19. There is one Sunday service each week at 10am, pre-recorded and available on the 'Rossorry Parish' Facebook page.

Online services

In the current situation, the Rector prepares and publishes, on Facebook on Saturday afternoon, weekly services of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion as appropriate. These services will continue to be prepared and placed online for Sundays into the foreseeable future.



	<p>ROSSORRY PARISH CHURCH</p>	<p>Sunday 10th JANUARY 2021 <i>The First Sunday after</i> <i>the EPIPHANY:</i> <i>The Baptism of Christ.</i></p>
	<p>No Service in Church for the next few weeks. (see the Press release from the Archbishop on Page 12) Check online over the weekend for video of the recorded Service on Facebook :- Rossorry Parish Church</p>	
<p>MORNING PRAYER – 10th January 2021 – The First Sunday after the Epiphany. (Using the Book of Common Prayer- BCP)</p>		
<p>Introduction and Opening Hymn - 324</p>		
<p>1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!</p>		<p>3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed on your flight! Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light!</p>

He will, also, continue to provide occasional short 'Reflections' aimed at the children of the Parish and he encourages families to allow their children to view these, as they are surely missing Sunday School!

Double Honour For Catherine Irwin

Catherine Irwin, our Organist and Director of Music has received two honours recently: in the New Year Honours List Catherine was awarded an MBE for her services to Girl Guiding, and most recently she has been appointed High Sheriff for Co Fermanagh for 2021. Many will know of Catherine's extensive and distinguished voluntary work with Girl Guiding in this community and, also, in recent years as Chair of the Trustees of Girl Guiding in London. We are delighted for her and extend our congratulations and best wishes for what should be an exciting year.



Catherine Irwin, who has received the MBE and is also High Sheriff for 2021.

Parish Website. (rossorryparish.com)

The website is still up and running and will contain the Rossorry Weekly News Sheet and usually the printed text for upcoming Services which will be screened on Facebook.

Rossorry Weekly News

The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It contains the text of the Sunday service for use in the Church Service, as we cannot have access to our Prayer Book and Hymnal. It will, also, contain useful information on Parish life and how we are trying to keep things ticking over. It also contains a reminder of the Safety Protocol for attending Church.

CDs for Parishioners

CDs of prepared online



services are being prepared and posted out to parishioners who live alone or unable to receive the online postings.

These contain two services (Morning Prayer or Holy Communion) and a Children's video and a copy of The Rossorry Weekly News. These have been well received and are a source of solace for the parishioners who feel isolated and a bit cut off from our Parish life.

anyone- let Gerry know in the Parish Office (02866 329889) and they can be added in and allocated to a friendly volunteer.

Freewill Offerings

Even though Services have resumed at Church many of you may not be able or ready to attend but you may still contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations.

The end of month Church door collection is now used by so few people that there is no point in keeping it going.

If you are not ready yet to come to Church send your envelopes— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you— please ring Gerry at the office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to

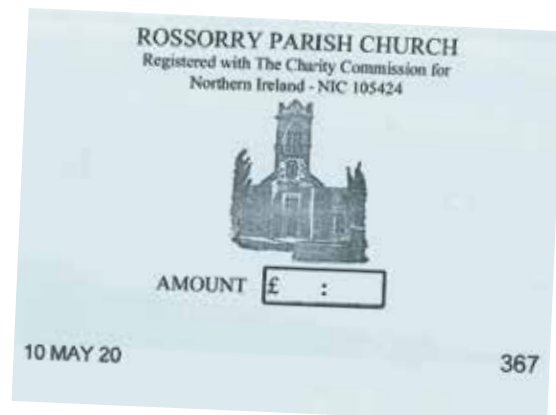


Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group

Our plans to set up a self-help group of volunteers to keep in touch with the elderly and house bound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in 'lockdown' regulations.

However a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help out – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/ housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a number of Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

This is going well – but if we have missed



have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry. If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

The Parish Office

The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday) keeping the day to day machinery moving. Please, don't visit -but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help. Tel:- 02866 329889
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SERVICES for February 2021

Online until the Church reopens

- Sunday 7th February**
10.00am - Holy Communion
- Sunday 14th February**
10.00am – Morning Prayer.
- Sunday 21st February**
10.00am - Morning Prayer.
- Sunday 28th February**
10.00am - Morning Prayer

The Rector continues to prepare and upload video Services for Sundays and short Reflections for the children. Text of the services- you will find on our Website (rossorryparish.com) and a link to the recording of the Service. Video of the services – you will find on our



Susan Graham and Neil McShea following their marriage in Rossorry Church.

Facebook page (Rossorry Parish Church)

Please keep an eye on Social Media / Website for any changes to our scheduled Services

Parish Register MARRIAGE

GRAHAM /Mc SHEA. The marriage of Susan Graham and Neil Mc Shea took place at Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 18th December 2020. Heartiest congratulations

and best wishes from the Parishioners of Rossorry.

May God bless their life together.

BEREAVEMENT

Sincerest sympathy from the Parish to the families of two of our Parishioners who recently passed away.

- MAVITTY, Thomas Raymond, suddenly on 29th December 2020 at his home at Lankhill, Culkey. Subject to Covid restrictions, a service took place at 2pm –on Sunday 3rd January 2021 at Rossorry Parish Church followed by interment in the family plot at Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Canon Ellis officiated.
- IRVINE, Heather Florence, suddenly, at her home in Windmill Heights, Enniskillen on 8th January 2021. Her Funeral Service took place (subject to Covid restrictions) in Rossorry Parish Church on 13th January 2021 with interment in the adjoining Churchyard.



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Funerals

20/12/20 - Mr. Robert George Little
Cloghtogle Road, Lisbellaw.

Our sympathy to George's wife Violet and daughter Hazel and the family circle. Sadly George died from Covid -19 and his wife remains in hospital where she is also very ill with the virus. So our prayers are with the family on their tragic bereavement and for the ongoing situation they are presently suffering.

5/01/21 - Mrs. Margaret Eleanor (Pearl)
Wilson, Main Street, Clabby.

Mrs Pearl Wilson died peacefully in her sleep at Northwick House Care Home Brookeborough aged 91. Mrs Wilson had spent most of her life in Clabby from her marriage to her late husband George. She was widowed in 1973 and was left to rear the family of seven children. She was a faithful member of St. Margaret's Parish Church Clabby from her marriage in 1952 and also of the Mothers' Union. She was a thrifty, hard worker all her life, she looked after all the catering at funeral teas and other events for many years. She only stopped attending Church a couple of years ago due to advancing years. Our prayers are with her large family and family circle especially Harold (Rector's Gelebewarden) and also Georgina, Ruth, Anne, Sammy, Valerie and David.

Table Quiz

The annual table quiz to be held 11th February 2021 has been cancelled due to ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic.

Carol Services

The Carol Services were held on 20th December on a reduced scale. In Clabby the young people took a leading part reading the lessons - Henry Follis, James Bloomfield, Arrianna Gardiner, Colin



Stronge (People's Churchwarden) and the Rector. Poems were said by Leah Carroll - Christmas Giving and Night-time on the Hill by Penny Follis. The prayers were read by Sophie and Jessica McDowell and Chloe and Sophie Robinson. The organist was Mrs. Ann Bloomfield accompanied by her daughter Ellen who sang O Holy Night and The First Nowell.

In Tempo the Lessons were read by Rodney White and Mark McDonald - the Churchwardens and by Mrs. Jayne Veitch, Mrs. Jill Hunter and the Rector. The Poem Christmas Giving was read by Mollie White and the The True Meaning of Christmas by Joseph Goodwin. The organist was Mrs. Carole Graham.

Paul's Advance in a Pandemic

Paul writing from Prison to the Thessalonian Church gives them this advice in his and their suffering for the Christian faith: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18)

Paul had preached in Thessalonica on one of his missionary journeys and had to flee from the city due to opposition incited by the Jews. Suffering, opposition, beatings and imprisonment were nothing new to Paul from the moment he became a Christian until his death. You can read about his description of his sufferings in 2 Corinthians 11 v 16-32. Besides all the opposition persecution and imprisonment he never gave up witnessing for Christ even when he was in prison.

He said in 2nd Corinthians 4 v 8 "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair,

persecuted, but not abandoned, struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body. Therefore we do not lose heart. Through outwardly we are wasting away yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day". Paul knew real physical, mental, emotional and spiritual suffering as Christ did, but because of faith in Christ and because Christ suffered he was empowered by Jesus' example and the Holy Spirit to remain obedient to Christ and the Gospel until he died. Therefore Paul above all others is rightly qualified to give us these three pieces of advice in the midst of the current ongoing Pandemic.

A. "Be joyful always."

It doesn't mean we feel that way outwardly all the time, but we can find the inner joy knowing Jesus is with us at all times. Joy is the third fruit of the Spirit. Paul in prison wrote to the Philippians Church "Rejoice in the Lord always" I will say it again Rejoice". Our inner joy despite the outward lack of joy in the Pandemic is that God and Christ are with us.

B. "Pray continually"

This was Paul's advice in practically all his letters to the various Churches. Jesus practised continual prayer and told a parable the persistent widow (Luke 18 v 1) about the need to never give up praying "Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up". Surely that is what we need to do in our present situation. We should not cease to pray for our leaders, the

medical professionals and the careers in hospital and care homes, every area of our society, our schools, Churches, business, family life and all impacted by this virus. Prayer for defeat of this deadly virus and the successful role out and results of the vaccine. As time goes on we have become complacent with constant lockdowns and regulations. God is teaching us to trust in him, turn to him and depend on him to see us through this crisis, to never become weary of prayer, but to wait patiently on the Lord.

C. "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". Paul doesn't say give thanks for our circumstances, but give thanks in all circumstances. It is easy to rejoice or give thanks when all is going well, things and life are running smoothly, not so easy, when things are not so. Jesus' life and ministry were never easy, he had constant opposition right to his death. Paul and the early Church and even the Church in many parts of the world suffer to-day. Paul says God's will in Christ is to give thanks.

Thanks He is in control of this Pandemic, in control of every disaster, trial and terrible circumstances we find ourselves in. Give thanks that he is a faithful God who keeps all the many promises of His word. So today and for this year and the circumstances we find our country, our communities and ourselves in take Paul's advice to carry us through be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.

Trory and Killadeas



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The last few months playing hokey-kokey with going in and out of lockdowns has been hard for all of us, but there is hope on the horizon. In this lockdown (three at the time of writing), as a group of parishes we are keeping our focus on maintaining an atmosphere of community, as well as our digital and alternative worship patterns.

Friday Night is Old Concert Movie Night

Dark nights, poor weather, and indoor meeting places being closed means the most important part of this lockdown is looking after each other and remaining a community as much outside of the church walls as inside.

With this in mind in this lockdown this is the first lockdown when Revd. Mark will not do daily online reflections but will instead upload old movies of concerts from the parish, ready to be viewed every Friday night on Facebook at 8pm starting in the new year. Each concert will remain online for one week only. Get your own popcorn and snacks in, watch them, and have a good laugh. Then may I suggest, phone your fellow members of the parish, have a reminisce about the good old days and





check in on each other at the same time. For those of you not on Facebook, search "Trory and Killadeas Church Facebook" on Google, and it will bring you to the right page. For those of you already on Facebook, search @troryandkilladeas, then like and follow the page to keep up to date with church activities the ever-changing landscape we find ourselves in. The first two concerts have already proved a huge success, and we eagerly look forward to the next ones.

Introducing the Talents Scheme

As congregations we really missed having an opportunity to run fundraisers for ourselves and for charities in 2020, so hopefully, as well as being something to while away the hours inside for this lockdown, it will hopefully bringing the community together, even if in a socially distanced way, with a bit of interactive 'craic' regardless of what comes with the rest of the new year. On Sunday 3rd January 2021 all willing

parishioners were actually paid to come to church!!! After a sermon on the parable of the talents they were given £10 and asked to 'invest' it in order to make more money. Basically use the money to buy starting materials, make a product, sell it for a profit, and if you have time, reinvest the money until we collect it back in again. If you did not make it to church on 3rd January but you would like to participate in the scheme, please email the rector (revdmarkgallagher@gmail.com) and we can arrange to get the tenner to you. You have until Easter Sunday, 4th April, to make as much money as you can, before we will collect all the profits in. There may well be a prize for the person who makes the most profit, and there is no upper or lower age limit, if you have an idea, go for it! Some ideas, but please be as creative as you can be, this list is definitely not exhaustive;

- Bake something (N.B. for this one, please liaise with each other, so as we don't have dozens of you making scones, but no cakes, traybakes, buns, bread etc.)
- Make jams, chutneys, pickles, marmalades, preserves
- Flower arrangements
- Woodwork... bird tables, blackthorn walking sticks etc.
- Knit scarves, socks, dolls, teddies etc.
- Hand Crafted cards
- Quilting and/or sewing crafts
- Use it for petrol and mow someone's lawn

Whether or not you take a tenner, please support the scheme by buying the products on offer from your friends and neighbours. I am fairly certain Asda will not notice one less bunch of flowers sold, nor Dunnes one less cake, or Tesco or Lidl with their caramel squares (you get the jist) but the local charities will notice the extra few pounds, as well as a spirit of community unity this is sure to generate in unprecedented times. Of course it is hoped this will raise money, but that is secondary. Just like with the Outdoor Nativity and Runway Carols events in the run up to Christmas, and with the movies of old concerts, the central thrust is keeping us together as a community.



Taking part in the successful Outdoor Nativity.



On stage for the Carols by Runway Lights and the fireworks display.

A report on Carols by Runway Lights, and an Outdoor Family Farmyard Nativity

These two events were based on services which all parishes, families, and even those who enjoy coming out to church just at Christmas look forward to every year are the Carol Service and the Nativity Play. With this in mind and knowing that a second (and now third) lockdown was highly likely, the months leading up to December were spent planning how to keep the essence of these services, moving them outdoors, but still in the vicinity of the churches. The move out of the church building means, as with everything this past year, it has to be the same, but different. Making a virtue out of necessity, we kept the essence of the services, but changed the detail. Carols by Candlelight became Carols by Runway Lights and role reversal in the nativity, with adults dressing as characters while (grand) parents read the story to their families as they walk round and find the characters at various points. The Outdoor Family 'Farmyard' Nativity was on Saturday 12th December, from 11am, in the grounds of Priory Church, Killadeas. The unique drive-in carol concert was



held in the grounds of St. Angelo Airport on Friday 18th December at 7pm, under the illuminated backdrop of the runway

on one side, and Trory Parish Church on the other side, and the event finished in a great flourish with an amazing professional firework display, enjoyed by all local residents within a few miles radius. Soloists Jane McKinley (Soprano) and Mark Gallagher (tenor) lead those present in a selection of favourite carols and Christmas pieces, interspersed with bible readings and poems. The concert was visible on a 40ft shipping container 'stage.' Scores of cars turned up on the night and enjoyed honking their car horns in place of clapping, and left filled with festive spirit.

The two events could not have happened without the help, support, encouragement and input of our local residents, communities, businesses, and others further afield so a mass Thank-You to everyone who helped at both events.

Services in February

Please check social media and parish communications which will come out as direction is given regarding opening of buildings.

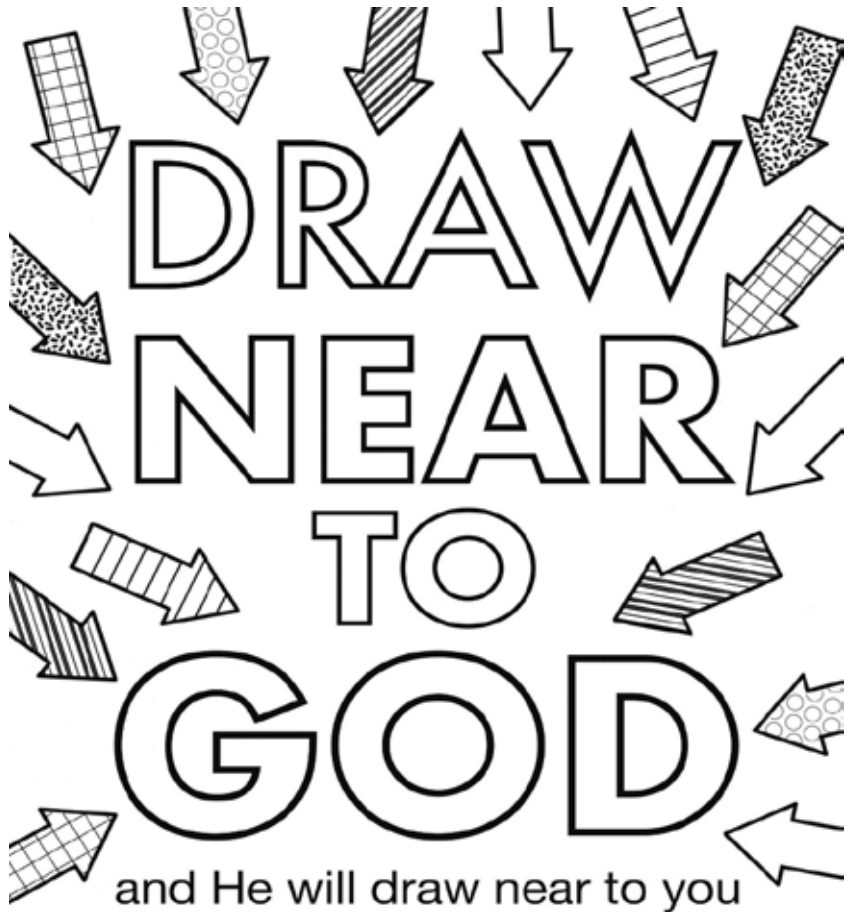


CHILDREN'S SECTION



♪♪♪ "Great is thy faithfulness O God our Father..." ♪♪♪
The snowdrops are a sign of new growth after the cold, hard winter. As you colour the snowdrops, thank God for being with us in difficult times.

COLOUR:



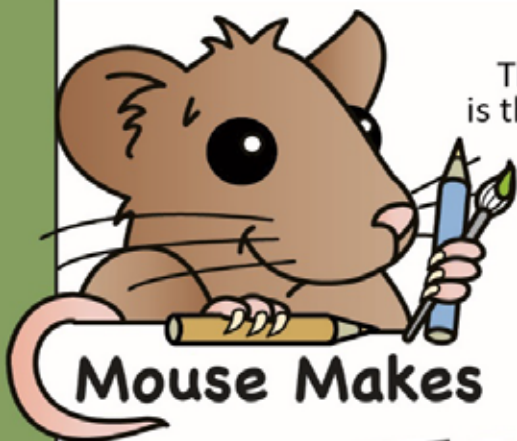
James 4:8



Are you planning on making some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? This is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

God loves us *every* day – not just on St Valentine's Day. Tell - and show - the people close to you that you love them – every day.





WHAT AM I?

The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next

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- What two things did God create first? *Genesis 1:1*

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- What was the Earth without? *Genesis 1:2*
- What came before morning? *Gen 1:5*

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- Who is the creator? *Genesis 1:1*

- What was separated from light? *Gen 1:4*

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- Which day did God finish work? *Gen 2:2*
- Who was created God's image? *Gen 1:27*

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- Who moved over the water? *Gen 1:2*

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By the **seventh** day God finished the work He had been doing. God *blessed* the seventh day and made it *holy*. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the **forth commandment** said to *remember* the seventh Sabbath day, to *keep it holy* and set apart for God.

DID YOU KNOW?
The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means "in the beginning". The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means *creation, origin and generation*

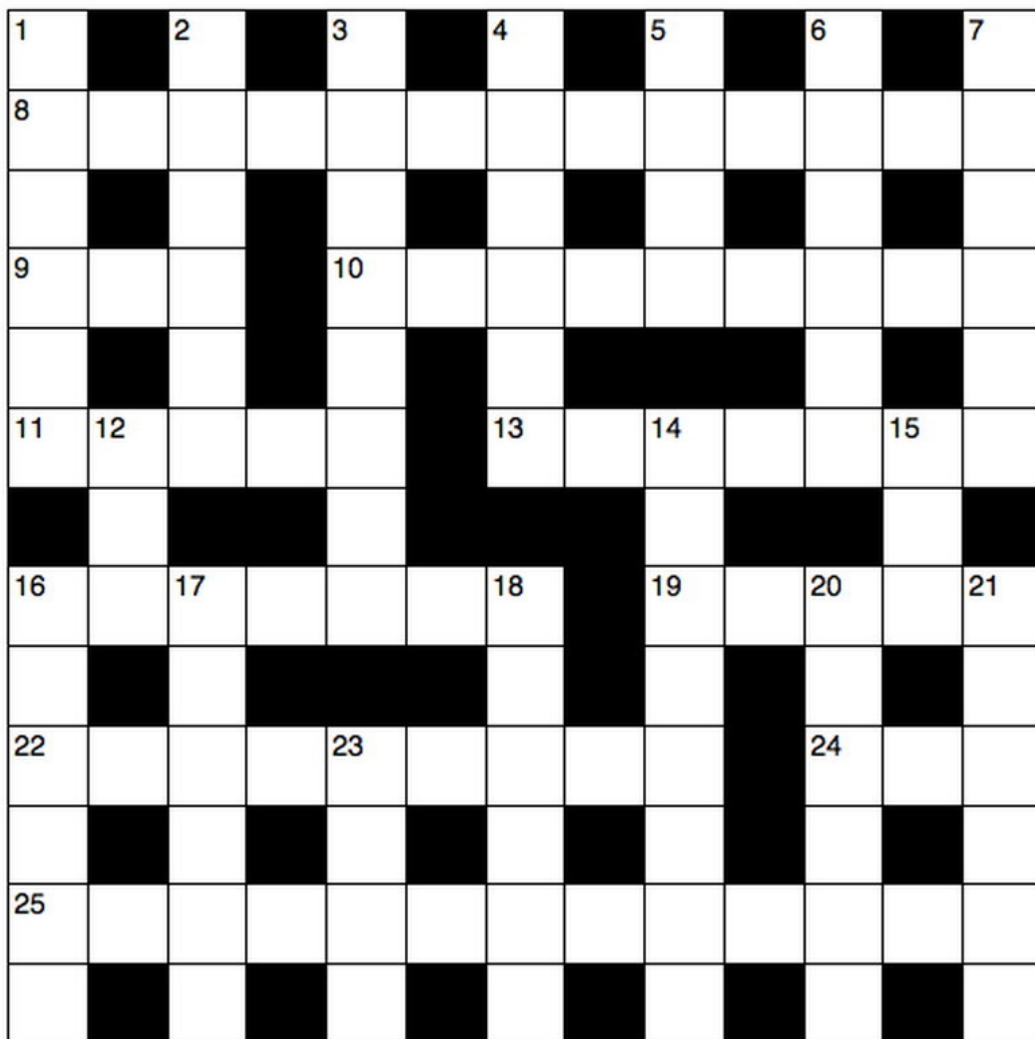
FIND THE CREATION PAIRS
from *Genesis 1 and 2*

EARTH	MORNING
LIGHT	FRUIT
DAYS	SEA
TREES	NIGHT
LAND	FISH
EVENING	YEARS
ADAM	HEAVENS
DAY	DARK
BIRDS	WATER
SKY	EVE

C R E A T U R E H G O D P
 D G A L R E F F R U I T E L
 L O R I E S L B M O S E A
 A O T G E T Y D A R K P N
 N D H H E A V E N I G H T
 D A Y T R R S P I R I T W
 A S E E D S K Y B I R D O

Can you find these words in the word search?
 GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT
 FLY • DEEP • EARTH
 DARK • DAY • LIGHT
 NIGHT • STARS • SKY
 SEA • LAND • BIRD
 CREATURE • HUMAN
 TREE • PLANT • SEEDS
 FRUIT • GOOD • TWO

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Macca-
 bees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your
 bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down:
 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers
 to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

DOWN

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1
 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your

- father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' —
 salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me'
 (Psalm 56:5) (8)
 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son
 in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the
 cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10,
 RSV) (4,2)
 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Gen-
 esis 8:5) (6)
 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to
 diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71



Your journey starts here...

CHURCH LADS' MEET FOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

"The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland is a uniformed youth organisation for both boys and girls, serving Church of Ireland parishes for 128 years. We work with children aged three to 18, providing a varied programme of Bible stories, crafts, games and sports. Our members also learn new skills, go on trips and enjoy visits through our Badge Scheme. Our older members enjoy opportunities such as Duke of Edinburgh Award and leadership training. Our three main aims are Fun, Faith and Fellowship and we strive to provide a place for children to have fun and make new friends but also to grow in their faith. We work closely with Church of Ireland parishes, encouraging children to get involved in the life of their local church. The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade NI operates throughout Northern Ireland but has two companies in Clogher Diocese, one in St John's Fivemiletown Parish and one in Holy Trinity Dromore. Both of these boys only companies have been running successfully for many years and while our companies haven't been able to meet recently due to COVID-19 this hasn't stopped our dedicated volunteers from continuing to minister to our members. They have been busy meeting online and sending out activity packs as well as sharing videos and competitions. Some of the boys have even been involved in special online services put together by the CLCGB NI such as our Christmas service. We have been delighted at the effort our leaders have gone to, ensuring that we keep connected with our young people. As an organisation we feel extremely grateful and blessed to have so many faithful leaders who serve God through their work in the CLCGB NI. Fivemiletown boys have been meeting fortnightly on Zoom to have a Bible story, a craft and some games. They have enjoyed making crafts together, with the equipment required sent to them in the post! Recently they had a special guest, a six-day-old Pedigree Dorset lamb! Our new member was very vocal and we nearly had to put her on mute with all her baaaaaing! We know that the boys are as excited as we are to get back to meeting in person, hopefully in the near future but until then we will continue having lots of fun together online!



Jenson giving a reading to be included in the Christmas service.



MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union marks 16 days of Activism and Global Day service

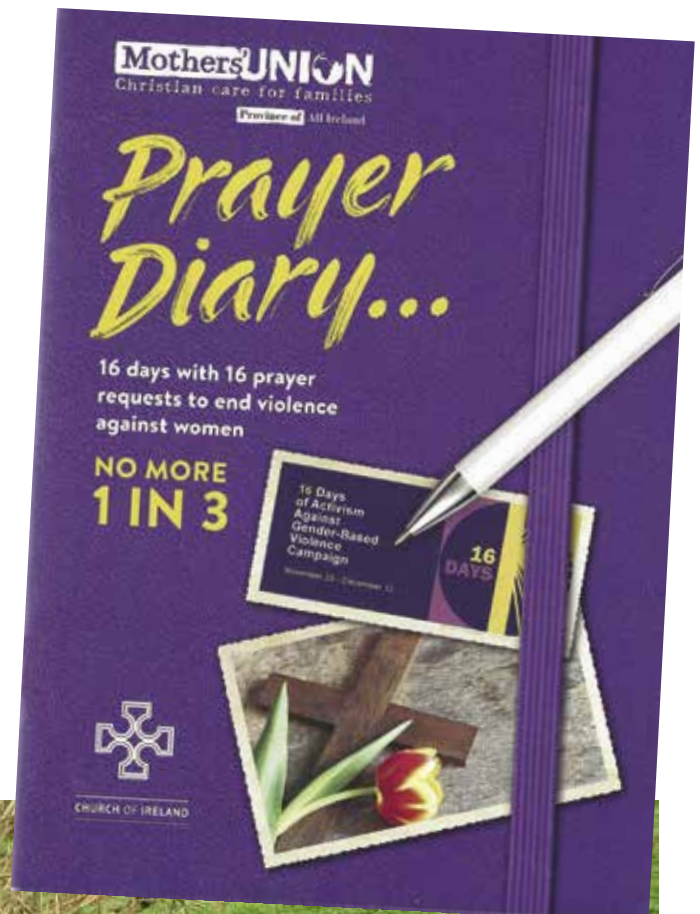
The 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence began on 25th November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ended on 10th December International Human Rights Day.

The 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign is an extension of the day-to-day grass roots work of Mothers' Union. We work alongside communities to help end gender-based violence and to support those affected by it, every day of the year.

On 5th December Mothers' Union held its first Global Day and it centred around the disturbing figure that "one in three women worldwide have experienced domestic and sexual abuse", and that Mothers' Union as a leading women's organisation believe this to be unacceptable.

A Global Day Service by the Revd Charles Eames was available on the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Facebook page and the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Trustee Board recorded the "16 days of prayers" which were uploaded for each day of the campaign.

Mothers' Union also donated vouchers to Fermanagh Women's Aid and to Monaghan Refuge Centre.





Above; Monaghan Refuge Centre and right; a presentation to Womens' Aid.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2020 WINNER

Some members of Clogher MU designed and made cards for the All-Ireland competition. Mrs Emily Kells from Fivemiletown Branch won first prize for her card design under the 'Religious Card' section.

Emily has been a long serving member of MU and enjoys lots of different craft activities. She regularly crafts items for the Action and Outreach unit which are then distributed to hospitals and nursing homes.

Emily also makes cards as a hobby and especially enjoys designing them for special occasions so the Trustee Board are delighted that she was awarded first prize and send sincere congratulations to her. Check out all the winners on the Mothers' Union Website www.mothersunion.ie

There is another competition being launched soon so look out for details and consider entering and using your skills to win a prize.

DIOCESAN NEWS

STATEMENT FROM THE CHURCH OF IRELAND BISHOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN RELATION TO PUBLIC WORSHIP

As you will be aware, yesterday afternoon the Northern Ireland Executive took the unanimous decision to extend the current Covid-19 restrictions until Friday, 5th March 2021.

This decision was based on the strong recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Advisor, as a result of the continued extremely high level of transmission of the Covid-19 virus throughout the community (which over these last four weeks had not reduced to the level that had been hoped for), along with the increasing numbers in hospital and intensive care.

In the light of this decision, and on the basis of the clear and unequivocal public health advice that people should continue to stay at home, we have decided that all in-person Sunday gatherings for worship, along with all other in-person church gatherings, should remain suspended in all Church of Ireland parishes in Northern Ireland until Friday, 5th March 2021 with the exception of weddings, funerals, arrangements for recording and/or live-streaming, drive-in services and private prayer (as permitted by regulations). This same step is also being taken today by the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the Roman Catholic Church.

While we acknowledge that there is both cost and disappointment in this for many, we see this decision as part of our response to the command of Jesus to love our neighbours. We continue to encourage as many people as possible to stay at home for the sake of health, life and the Common Good.

Ultimately, as followers of Jesus, we are people of hope. As we journey through these dark and difficult days, we live in that hope, looking to the light that we find in Jesus.

+John Armagh
+Andrew Derry and Raphoe
+David Down and Dromore
+George Connor

Use the links below to see the full lockdown restrictions in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) regulations guidance: what the restrictions mean for you | nidirect](#)
- [gov.ie - Level 5 \(www.gov.ie\)](#)



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**WE ALL
MUST DO IT
TO GET
THROUGH IT**



**KEEP
DISTANCE**



**WEAR FACE
COVERING**



**WASH
HANDS**

End of life care in 2020 – what it means for those in ordained ministry

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, reflects on a difficult year for those in ordained ministry especially in relation to the aspect of end-of-life ministry. Covid-19 restrictions have placed huge demands on medical and nursing staff and also on clergy, including hospital chaplains and those called upon by families for their spiritual guidance.



“Often, I had to get a member of the medical profession to sign the dying person with the sign of the cross as I prayed the final blessing, committing them into God’s eternal care.”

DEAN KENNETH HALL

The Dean writes;

“Death is never easy to come to terms with, at any stage of life, but this past year has proved to be an exceptionally difficult year in end-of-life ministry, both for the families concerned and myself.

“In my 22 years since ordination, I have witnessed things that I thought would never happen! Praying with the dying by video and seeing someone lying on their death bed surrounded by medical staff all gowned



Dean Kenneth Hall receiving the Covid-19 vaccine as it was administered to all those involved in healthcare including hospital chaplains.

up with a mask and visor – how scary that must be for a dying person, and seeing, or maybe only hearing me, not in person, but through some form of technology! How demoralising that can be for both patient and cleric!

“Often, I had to get a member of the medical profession to sign the dying person with the sign of the cross as I prayed the final blessing, committing them into God’s eternal care! “We have underestimated, and often taken for granted the privilege of being able to be present at bed-sides, to touch a person, to hold their hand and to comfort them in their hour of need. Likewise, being able to put one’s arms around a grieving family member is

now also denied by this deadly virus, that has stripped us of many things that we once took for granted.

Words often fail to express sympathy to grieving family members, and many people do not know what to say. And what do you say to those immediately affected?

What we used to do was just to be there to support those greatest affected, to forget about words if necessary and to just offer a shoulder to lean or to cry on. Very often words did not matter anyway - just being there was what counted – even that is now not possible with social distancing!

“This past year has been a year like no other. Even arranging funerals by telephone, not meeting close relatives until they arrive at the grave side and even then, it has to be a ‘nod of sympathy’ at a distance!

“How I, and many other clergy long to return to the role we were ordained to fulfill by being able to offer a caring pastoral and priestly ministry!”



Donna and her team along with the first family they stayed with in PNG.

The experiences of a mission trip are unforgettable

Donna Geary, from Ballybay parish, took part in a six-months mission trip in late 2019 and this is her report on her trip the other side of the world.

“In October 2019, I left Ireland to complete a six months DTS at YWAM Townsville, Australia. What is a DTS? What is YWAM? And, where on earth is Townsville? I hear you ask. These were my exact questions when I first came across it on a late-night search for missionary work.

“YWAM stands for ‘Youth With A Mission’ (though anyone over the age of 18 can join). It is a worldwide mission’s organisation with bases located in every continent and with the help of volunteers carries out missionary work in any various countries.

“DTS stands for ‘Discipleship Training School’, a six-month training school in which you study the Bible, build relationship with God, carry out missionary work and discover so much you wouldn’t imagine.

Finally, Townsville is located in Queensland between Brisbane and Cairns. So now that we’re up to date on the technicalities let me tell you a bit about my experiences!!

“During the DTS we had lecturers come in to teach on different topics, some of these included: Worship, Praise and Intercession, the Nature and Character of God, Hearing Gods voice, Identity, Relationships, Lordship, Missions, Holy Spirit and Spiritual Warfare. Each week was a rollercoaster ride of new discoveries, from seeing God’s truth and shedding the lies of the world to laying down our own desires and committing to what God has called us to do. By the end of Lordship week I had decided to re-commit myself to God and got baptised!

“Throughout the lecture weeks we also went into the community providing help and speaking to people where we could. During our first official outreach phase, which was for three weeks, we helped with an event



Donna working as a shepherd, with her teammate, at Stable on the Strand.

called Stable on the Strand. This is a live Bethlehem experience that the combined churches of Townsville stages each year. We helped with this whole event from setting it up to taking it down. Setting up Stable on the Strand involved long days, in the hot sun, but this was rewarded with seeing the final set of the town of Bethlehem complete with bakery, pottery and the manger, where Jesus was born, fully set up and ready for the event. Throughout the event our entire outreach team volunteered to play different roles in the scenes taking place so visitors could walk through and feel like they were at the time of Jesus' birth. Out of all the roles I played on different nights I enjoyed being a shepherd the most, getting to spend time with the animals and using that as a way to talk to people who came to the event. We ended the event, on the final night staying up until 3am taking everything back down and packing it away.

"During our second phase of outreach, which was seven weeks long, my team and I went to Papua New Guinea. Two weeks were spent on the YWAM PNG Medical Ship and then five weeks were spent on land near Port Moresby.

"Although we were there to provide healthcare and share God's love we also learnt so much by living within these communities and discovering God's heart for both the communities and individuals. While on the medical ship I went to a small village to teach about looking after yourself and your village.

"The children were full of life, eager to learn and also to show the skills they had, such as climbing to the top of a coconut tree! The people of the village were also intrigued to learn and ask questions about the teachings. They were willing to show us around their village, how they lived and the plants around them that they were able to eat and cook with. From this experience, I learnt that no matter what your situation, God provides. In the first world country this isn't as easy to see, as we constantly want so much without fully realising and appreciating what we already have.

"While in Port Moresby I really saw God moving in the hearts of people, not just those who we spoke to but also to the members of my team. Families welcomed us into their homes giving us space to sleep and ensuring we had enough water even when it ran out or when the water to the village had been turned off. They taught us how to prepare our food, de-scaling and gutting fish and washing our clothes without the convenience of a washing machine. While we were located near Port Moresby our main aim was to build relationships with the communities and to work on a property which was to one day become a new



The new building, called 'the Jetty' that would one day become a new YWAM base.

YWAM base.

"While in Papua New Guinea we were in a sort of bubble, the last time my world existed without knowing the word Covid-19. That ended when we got back to Australia after outreach and plans I had for the end of what was meant to be six months in Australia drastically changed, resulting in me staying a further three months in Australia. "Throughout my time both in Australia and Papua New Guinea I have learnt so much and have been able to help people in so many ways that it would take a book to write it all down. If you are reading this and would like to know more about what I did in my time don't hesitate to ask if ever you see me!

"I want to say a massive thank you to

those who supported me on this journey, both financially and in prayer. It was an experience like no other and not just one that effects my life but also to each and every person I was able to reach out to on this journey and each person I will be able to help in the future due to the knowledge and experiences I have had. So not only were you supporting me but you were supporting the lives of so many others.

Thank you!

"If you would like to read about some more of my experiences in PNG and the work I did in Australia for those extra three months then check out my blog.

<https://donnag90.wixsite.com/donnainmissions>



A group of young adults and children whom we addressed on healthcare in a small village.

Queen's New Year Honours for Chair of Girlguiding UK

A member of Rossorry Parish in Clogher Diocese, Catherine Irwin (pictured right) has been recognised for her dedicated service to Girlguiding by receiving the MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List.

This was followed in January with the announcement that Catherine is the new High Sheriff for Fermanagh for 2021. Catherine has made a significant impact on girls' lives through her 30 years' volunteering with Girlguiding not only with her local unit and region but at national level where she serves as Girlguiding UK Chair of the Board, a position she has held since 2018.

A member since joining as a Guide in Monea Guides at the age of nine, Catherine went on to become a Guide Leader after achieving her Queen's Guide award. She has held numerous and varied Girlguiding roles including being a British Youth Council delegate, outdoor adviser, district commissioner, county commissioner, and Girlguiding Ulster trustee. She has also served on the World Association of Girl Guides and Guide Scouts strategy and planning committee, who developed their current strategy.

Girlguiding UK in a tribute to Catherine said; "Her voluntary contribution includes bringing her senior corporate experience to the role and leading the charity's new strategy to ensure it serves girls and young women into the future with a fun and exciting, relevant and rewarding youth offer. "During the coronavirus crisis, Catherine led the continuance of strong governance for the charity, ensuring it adapted to the new circumstances.

"Under Catherine's leadership of Girlguiding's Board of Trustees, the charity has taken bold steps to increase the diversity of the Board and revitalise its offer



for girls and young women." Catherine, who is married to Ian and have a family of three; Alastair (27), Andrew (25) and Rebecca (21) said; "I am extremely proud to receive this award from Her Majesty the Queen. The work we do at Girlguiding helps and supports nearly 400,000 girls and young women across the UK and it is has been an enriching and rewarding experience to work with so many young members over the years and see the difference guiding makes to their lives. "Girlguiding opens up so many fantastic opportunities for girls to grow in confidence and become a powerful force for good in their communities. I would like to dedicate this award to all the girls I've had the pleasure of knowing over the last 30 years."

Catherine is also well known as organist and Music Director at Rossorry Parish Church and during the online services broadcast on Facebook by Rector, Canon Ian Ellis, Catherine accompanies her son, Andrew, a professional tenor, in the leading of the singing of hymns.

In addition to playing the church organ, Catherine also plays the piano, harp and as a flute player, is a member of Magheraboy Flute Band.

Catherine, who has a BEng degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Queen's University Belfast, recently retired after over 32 years with DuPont firstly in Londonderry, but spending the past 20 years in various senior leadership roles in EMEA and globally.

'THANK YOU' FOR SHOEBOX APPEAL

The 2020 Operation Christmas Child collection of shoeboxes was highly successful once more, despite the difficulties imposed by Covid-19 restrictions, says local co-ordinator, Irene Boyd.

She reported; "I'm happy to report we had a good response and received 1619 boxes which were sent off along with all the other boxes from Northern Ireland to children in Albania, Belarus and Bosnia.

"Owing to the way the boxes were checked this year it is not possible to give the exact destination of our specific boxes as I could have done in previous years, however if people used the "follow on line" they may receive this information," she said.



Promotor of peace and reconciliation work to receive B.E.M.

One of the recipients named in the Queen's New Year's Honours List was Arthur Ovens, a member of Aghavea Parish Church near Brookeborough.

Arthur (pictured right) is well known through his business interests as a director of R.A. McClung, an agricultural merchants and hardware store in Brookeborough and his award of a B.E.M. was for his services to peace and reconciliation work with Brookeborough Development Association jointly with a fellow founder member from the area, Tom Donnelly.

Arthur explained that both he and Tom are the only two original members of the Association still involved and their award was for the work of the Association over the years.

Established in 1993, the Association has worked at bringing the two communities in the village closer together and building stronger relations in the village.

They had participated in Peace 1, Peace 2 and Peace 3 programmes and over the time, rebuilt the Station House to become a community playgroup and meeting room under the auspices of Brookeborough Enterprises Ltd.

They also took part in a cross-border link with Riverstown, Co. Sligo, organising inter-church services between the Church of Ireland parishes, for example. Among these events was a carol service.

Other events included days out to Dublin and Belfast.

Reacting to being nominated for a British Empire Medal, Arthur said while it was a surprise, "it was a bit of good news in a difficult year."

Arthur has had a lifelong involvement in the family business, R.A. Clung in Brookeborough joining the business in 1963 after it was originally established by his mother's uncle in 1912. Arthur's father, Tommy joined the business in 1943 and Arthur's son, Ben, also a parishioner of Aghavea Parish, joined his father in 2003. The business was originally a grocery and general store but in 2008, the grocery shop was closed and the agricultural merchants and hardware side expanded to become a 'one-stop



shop for farmers' and have a customer base throughout Counties Fermanagh and Monaghan as well as Counties Leitrim and Cavan. Arthur and his wife, Priscilla have a son, Ben and a daughter, Penny (Brady).

Sadness expressed in Clogher Diocese following death of Bishop of Swaziland

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall has expressed his shock and sadness following the news of the death of the Right Revd Ellinah Wamukoya, the Bishop of the Diocese of Swaziland. Bishop Ellinah was the first female Bishop elected in the Anglican Church in South Africa and was the first female bishop to preach in the Diocese of Clogher during her visit to St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in January 2015.

Dean Hall has extended his deepest and heartfelt sympathy to her family and to the Diocese of Swaziland in the small Southern African country which was renamed

eSwatini in 2018.

Parishes in Clogher Diocese have had strong links with Swaziland with both Enniskillen Cathedral Parish and Rossorry Parish supporting the work of the charity, United Society, which had a special interest in mission work in Swaziland. Bishop Ellinah's visit to Ireland was hosted by the charity.

Bishop Ellinah became well known throughout the Anglican church for her advocacy on environmental issues.

Photo Credit: Anglican Church of Southern Africa



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

WE MUST PLAN FOR A BETTER SOCIETY

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, has written about the potential way ahead for society beyond the current pandemic in a recent edition of *The Irish Times*.

This is a copy of his article;

“Government files under embargo have been opened and people are no doubt looking back, as we do every year, with that customary range of reaction to the political past, running from ‘I told you so’ to ‘Can you believe it?’

“Pity the politicians who had neither foresight nor infallibility, but who had to make decisions in the moment. Perhaps in this year of all years we might also look towards 2021 with much the same feelings, adding only: “Where on earth do we begin?” “There are some signs of hope in relation to getting ahead of coronavirus, but probably a Slough of Despond to wade through first. “We will begin to see for real what the effects of Brexit will be on ordinary life on these islands, and for relationships within and between them. On top of that, we have the anniversary of the foundation of Northern Ireland to look forward to, which, no doubt, will be marked/celebrated/analysed/ignored/vituperated, depending on one’s perspective.

“Not to forget that, as David McWilliams puts it, our countries owe a shedload of money (to whom we’re not quite sure) but we’re in for pretty constant reminders that it is owed, I wonder will anyone volunteer to take on a bit more than their “fair share” of that burden? Well maybe there are some people who should, and I’m one of them.

“Those of us who have lived through a period of rising prosperity for the past 20 and more years, a banking crisis notwithstanding. Our pension pots might not be as good as we had hoped but we’ll not be eating crusts by the roadside.

“Perhaps it’s worth suggesting a few groups of people who might be uppermost in the minds of politicians and policymakers, as they plot a way forward on behalf of all of us towards a compassionate society that is a bit more than simply “fair”.

“There are the groups of relative newcomers to this island, who now live here as citizens, asylum seekers and migrants. During this pandemic they have already contributed considerably to our wellbeing as doctors, nurses, care staff, delivery drivers.



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THE MOST REVD JOHN McDOWELL

“If they are an expression of the breadth and depth of our societies, then they should also become a source of that breadth and depth. Our ancient quarrels have not been bred in their bones and they have much to teach us as we pare back the onion layers of prejudice and indifference, as we must do if we are to live in a society that has an emotionally rich core.

“And there are those, best symbolised by residents in care homes but not restricted to them, whose needs have never been too far up the policy agenda and not just during the pandemic. This includes, of course, the elderly.

“Most of us are going to be old someday and it is in the interests of the whole of society for us all to be able to approach that state of being without paralysing anxieties which then flow through to our families.

“Here in Northern Ireland, it was only when I was able to talk about it to my mother, who was born into hardship in 1920, that I was able to get some idea of what the term “National Health Service” meant to her generation. Not having to worry about what to do or where to go when you’re sick. “The effect on the mental health and morale of a whole of society was incalculable because it was without limit. That system of healthcare was devised during a world war, and implemented in its aftermath (in the middle of another shedload of debt). So we know that it can be done if it is a priority. “Although I’ve kept it until near the end, there is pre eminently the simple human priority to ensure that no child lives in poverty. Why would any democratic government not have that as a centrepiece of its social priorities? Why would any civilised society not consider making the necessary sacrifices?

“Perhaps these are the questions which should be debated before rushed decisions are made that come to light, to our embarrassment and shame, 30 years from now. “Is that the best you could do?”

“Thinking about the helplessness and dependence of children is not just for Christmas. Reflecting on this and its consequences in one of his letters from prison, the Lutheran theologian and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, wrote, “... we cannot approach the manger as we approach the cradle of any other child. Whoever goes to this manger goes to where something will happen. When you leave the manger you leave either condemned or delivered ... either broken into pieces or knowing the compassion of God coming to you”.

“Is this the wisdom that will guide the policy of governments? If not, what wisdom will?”



The Dean of Cork, the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne, and the Bishop of Cork, Dr Paul Colton, discuss the new stamp with the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson, during his visit to Cork in December 2020. Photograph: Daragh McSweeney/Provision

New stamp marks Church of Ireland anniversary

A NEW stamp marking the 150th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland has been issued since 7th January by An Post.

The €1 rate stamp, by Dublin's Vermillion Design, features an image of the Sun, Moon and Stars stained-glass panel in the Cathedral of Saint Fin Barre in Cork City. Reviewing the new stamp are (from left), the Very Revd Nigel Dunne, Dean of Cork; the Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross; and the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough.

The Church of Ireland was officially disestablished on 1 January 1871. This meant it was no longer tied to the Church of England or to the State. Disestablishment (along with Home Rule and the Land Act) was part of British Prime Minister William Gladstone's efforts to deal with 'the Irish question'. Disestablishment was of national importance, removing the status of a state church that had commanded the allegiance of only a minority of the population.

The new stamp from An Post marking 150 years of Disestablishment. The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson,



Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, welcomed the new stamp, saying: "Disestablishment has enabled the Church of Ireland to be free to shape its own future. Today's Church of Ireland wants to invest the energy of that freedom in the life of today's Irish society.

"When the Irish Church Act 1869 dissolved the union between the Church of Ireland and the state, an early strategist of the

disestablished church said that the Church of Ireland was 'free to shape her future course, independent of state control' and focus on its own personal and spiritual mission."

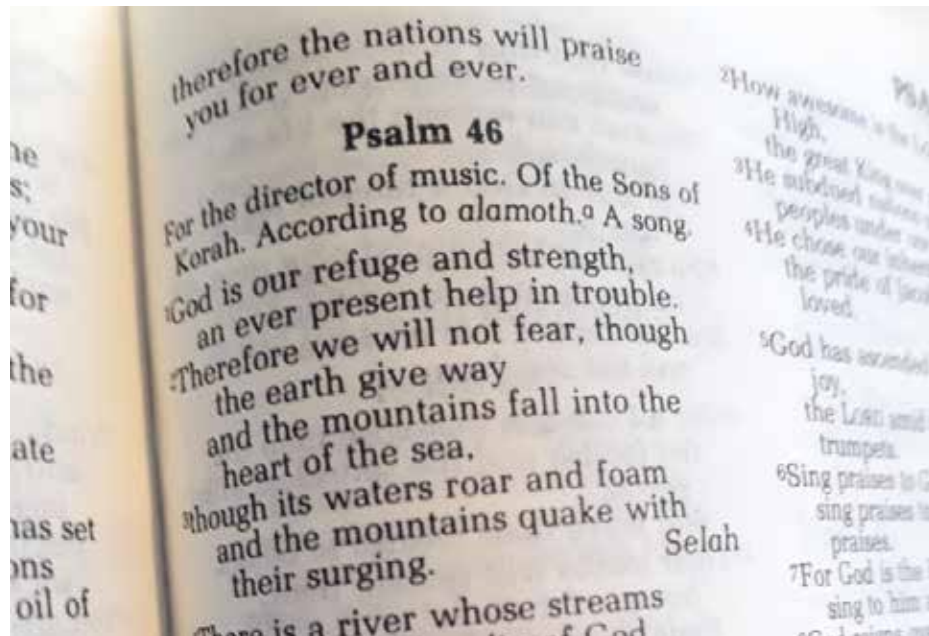
He concluded: "Disestablishment would see the Church of Ireland becoming an entity in its own right from 1871, tied to neither the Church of England nor the State. It has enabled the Church to find afresh its independence and mission. It has conferred freedom for laity and clergy to develop a synodical way of life and understanding and to engage with confidence with those of other traditions."

The Sun, Moon and Stars panel is one of the 74 windows in St Fin Barre's Cathedral featuring the watercolour paintings of William Burges, who was awarded first prize in the architectural competition to rebuild the cathedral in 1863, and Horatio Walter Lonsdale. The image was reproduced by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral.

The stamp and a special First Day Cover envelope are available from today at anpost.com/shop (with free delivery) for 12 months, at the GPO Dublin and main Post Offices in the Republic.

Church's Liturgical Advisory Committee prepares special service for use during Coronavirus pandemic

The Liturgical Advisory Committee of the Church of Ireland has launched a newly constructed Service of the Word for use during the time of Coronavirus. The liturgy, which is available on the Church of Ireland website and from the Clogher Diocese website is intended to support clergy, readers and congregations as they seek to reflect the current global pandemic in their continuing worship. The liturgy can act as a standalone service, or sections of it (including some additional prayers and resources appended to the material) can be used to supplement other acts of worship. Speaking about the service, the LAC's Vice Chair, the Venerable Ricky Rountree, said: 'Like all of us in the Church, the LAC had hoped that the initial response to the pandemic might be short lived. However, it became apparent in the Autumn of 2020 that this would not be the case. Indeed, at the time when this material will go live on the website, churches on every part of this island have reverted to online worship. 'While the focus of worship should always be the Lord Jesus Christ, it is right to reflect the global situation in an

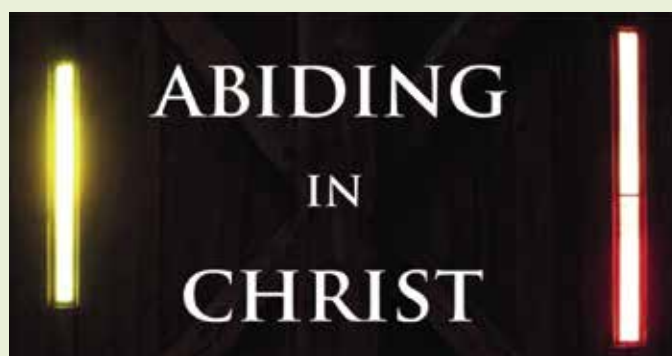


appropriate way when we gather in person or online for services. This material is quite straightforward and it is not lengthy, so we hope it may be of use for those preparing online worship as well as in person worship when we return to our Church buildings.

Although the liturgy offered takes the form of a Service of the Word, it is easily adapted to Eucharistic situations where it is safe to do so. I am pleased to commend this new material to the Church, on behalf of the LAC.'

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place from 18 to 25 January. Instead of the usual services where congregations came together, services were posted online. The material for this year was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1 to 17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. This year, people were invited to take time each day to pray for Christian Unity with resources available on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website. Anyone interested in finding out more about the ecumenical movement on the island of Ireland can do so through the website of the Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Inter Church Meeting. Reflecting on this particular week, our Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, Dr Daniel Nuzum, said: "Abide in my love" (Ag maireachtáil i gCríost), the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 is an apt one in these times when we need connectedness more than ever, not just within our churches but between our



Churches in our common solidarity of love, care, hope and justice. While we cannot be together physically, our spiritual wellbeing and connectedness is more important than ever." He said, inviting people to take part, "Please join us in prayer, and reach out to those who may not be online so that together we may indeed abide in the love of God." The material for this year was available in English, Irish and Welsh and contained daily reflections and a liturgy to share.

New mental health initiative within the Church begins with first meeting

The first meeting involving researchers working on the new Church of Ireland Safeguarding Mental Health Promotion Initiative has taken place online.

Dr Katrina Collins of Collins Consulting and Kate Wilkinson, managing consultant with About Face Consulting Ltd, met with the project team and the steering committee Chair, Bishop Pat Storey, to begin the research phase of what is now called MindMatters COI. The project was launched on World Mental Health Day in October 2020 to transform the understanding of, attitudes towards and responses to mental health within the Church of Ireland and the wider community.

MindMatters COI has been made possible by a significant grant from Allchurches Trust, one of the UK and Ireland's largest grant-making charities.

The project will take three years to complete and begins with a study to establish the understanding of and

attitudes towards mental health within the Church community and will be followed by individual dioceses being invited to apply for funding to support local mental health promotion initiatives.

Martin Rogan, CEO of Mental Health Ireland, endorsed the project in October, saying that Mental Health Ireland "particularly welcome their approach of carrying out baseline research to establish the current needs of the community". Archbishop John McDowell said, "My hope and prayer for this initiative is that as a serving church we will be able to be more effective in our ministry of comfort, of practical help and of hope, and in doing so to benefit those most in need within our communities and beyond."

For further information about MindMatters COI please send an email to MHP@rcbdub.org. A website for MindMatters COI is under development and more information about the research and how you can help will follow soon.

Call for Expressions of Interest for Church of Ireland Voluntary Director of Christian Aid

The Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod invite members of the Church of Ireland resident in the Republic of Ireland, who have relevant experience, to submit expressions of interest for the voluntary role of Director of Christian Aid Ireland, accompanied by an outline of particular skills and experience. In particular, expressions of interest from clergy are welcome, to provide balance with current Church of Ireland Board members. The new Director should share the organisation's values and ambition to end poverty, and work to ensure best practice in governance across all aspects of Christian Aid's work, in keeping with the Christian values that shape the organisation's vision. Trustees are appointed for a four-year term, the role is unpaid/voluntary but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed. The time commitment required is at least six days per year including a residential and AGM. How to apply - Please send expressions of interest or requests for further information by email to Dr Catherine Smith at catherine.smith@rcbdub.org by 26th February 2021.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

APPEAL FOR PRAYERS AS UK DEATHS REACH 100,000

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby and the Archbishop of York, Most Revd Stephen Cottrell have issued a call to the people of the United Kingdom to pause and reflect to remember more than 100,000 people across the country who have died after contracting Covid-19 and all those who know and love them.

In an open letter, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell invite everyone across England – whether they have faith or not – to pause, reflect on the "enormity of this pandemic" and to pray.

The text of the letter from the Archbishops;

"As we reach the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, we invite everyone in our nation to pause as we reflect on the enormity of this pandemic.

100,000 isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God. We write to you then in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness.

We therefore encourage everyone who is feeling scared, or lost or isolated to cast their fears on God. We also know that poorer communities, minority ethnic communities and those living with disabilities have been afflicted disproportionately and cry out for the healing of these inequalities. During this pandemic, we encourage everyone to do all they can to live within the guidelines and constraints given by government following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Adviser. We show our commitment, care and love for one another by ensuring we do everything we can to stop the virus spreading.

None of this is easy. Very many of us are experiencing isolation, loneliness, anxiety and despondency like never before. Many people have lost their livelihoods. Our economy struggles. Also, the necessary restrictions we live with have also prevented us from being alongside loved ones as they died, or even at their graveside. All grief profoundly affects us, but this pandemic grief is so hard.

Therefore, we need to support each other. We do this by following the guidelines. But we also do it by reaching out to each other with care and kindness.

One thing we can all do is pray. We hope it is some consolation to know that the church prays for the life of our nation every day. Whether you're someone of faith, or not, we invite you to call on God in prayer. Starting on 1 February we invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. A number of resources will be made available on our website. Finally, we write of hope. We are grateful for the hope we have because of the service of our NHS and social care staff. What a blessing and lifeline for our nation. We are grateful for the service given in local communities by clergy, other frontline workers and so many good neighbours. We are grateful for the hope of the vaccine. It is a testimony to the God-given wisdom and gifts of scientists and researchers. We urge everyone to take the vaccine as soon as it is offered to you.

Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in his resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away. Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Online video premier of SAMS evening conference

On Friday 5th February, the South American Mission Society (SAMS) Ireland will video premier their annual evening conference 'Friday Night Live' online.

Friday Night Live gathers together supporters of SAMS Ireland for an evening of encouragement in mission.

The event can be viewed here: www.facebook.com/samsireland1 from 7.30pm on Friday 5th February.

The event will include contributions from church partners in South America as well as local stories of mission and inspiration.

Speaking about the event, SAMS Ireland Mission Director Rev Stephen McElhinney said: "Even though it's been a difficult year for everyone, this February our prayer is that Friday Night Live will once again bring us hope and encouragement with the Global perspective on mission. This year we have even more connection with the South American church, many of whose members will be able to join us online for the first time.

"Many people have been able to contribute to the video premier event. We are especially delighted that Revd. Ronald Irene from Asuncion, Paraguay will lead us to reflect on prayer and the theme: TIES in the Gospel - To -Thank, Inform, Encourage and Support. We will welcome Bishops Raphael (Bolivia) and Daniel (Uruguay) as well as hear from Anglican Church community leaders in remote areas



such as the North Argentine Chaco region."

'TIES in the Gospel' will be the central theme of this service, reflecting on the message of Colossians 4:3-6.

Friday Night Live will initially be launched as a Facebook Premier Video, which can be viewed at 7.30pm on Friday 5th February. The video of the full event will be available on other platforms following the premier.

To find out more about Friday Night Live, visit the SAMS Ireland website: www.samsireland.com

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Funding boost for Northern Ireland's church buildings announced



Church buildings in Northern Ireland are to benefit from £250,000 of funding, thanks to a grant awarded to the National Churches Trust from the Department for Communities.

£200,000 will go to boosting the National Churches Trust's grants for urgent repairs and for the provision of modern community facilities such as toilets and kitchens. £50,000 will be made available to churches and chapels developing repair and maintenance projects, including funding for drone surveys to help identify problems with buildings and to scope possible work.

Catherine Townsend, Head of Church Support for the National Churches Trust explained;

"We are delighted with this £250,000 funding boost from the Department for Communities Historic Environment Division through their Covid-19 Culture, Languages, Arts and Heritage Support Programme. The money will allow us to keep more church and chapel buildings in Northern Ireland in good repair. That is

especially important due to the challenge of Covid-19 and will help churches and chapels play their part in helping local people during these difficult times."

Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey said: "I am delighted that I have been able to provide this support. This will help catalyse renewal activity and animate communities affected by Covid-19 by working with them to tackle the issues faced by our historic church buildings. Churches have been a critical element of the Covid-19 response and it is fitting that they now become part of our renewal through generating new works and transformed spaces."

The National Churches Trust supports churches and chapels of all denominations that are open for regular worship.

The funding will help to boost the work of the National Churches Trust in helping church and chapel buildings in Northern Ireland. The Trust's work includes Treasure Ireland, ([www.nationalchurchestrust.org/treasure-](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/treasure-ireland)

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a project

which is helping

churches and chapels with maintenance, grants for repairs and tourism initiatives.

Treasure Ireland, which runs until 2023, is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Pilgrim Trust and the Department for Communities.

Since 2018, the National Churches Trust has helped 29 churches and chapels in Northern Ireland with funding of £185,000 for urgent repairs, the provision of toilets, kitchens and other community facilities and essential maintenance. This funding has been supported by the Pilgrim Trust, the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Wolfson Foundation.

If you are interested in applying for a grant: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/grants-northern-ireland>

If you want to know about other support for available your church contact Nina McNeary: nina.mcneary@nationalchurchestrust.org

Church of Ireland responds to reports on Mother and Baby Homes

The Church of Ireland has issued statements following the publication of the Research Report on Mother and Baby Homes and Magdalene Laundries in Northern Ireland and also a joint statement from the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin in relation to the Report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation in the Republic of Ireland.

The full statements can be found at the following links;

Statement from the Archbishop of Armagh - Church of Ireland - A Member of the Anglican Communion

A Joint Statement from the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin in relation to the Report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation - Church of Ireland - A Member of the Anglican Communion

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